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Drawings updated to catch Most Wanted

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Armed with drawing pencils and sketch pads, Detective Sgt. Ingrid Dean and fellow forensic artists are taking aim at the Michigan's Most Wanted fugitives.

The Michigan State Police (MSP) has added age progression drawings of Michigan's most wanted fugitives to its website in an effort to increase the likelihood that someone might recognize one of the state's most wanted criminals.

The MSP Forensic Artists Team initiated the effort to update the drawings of most wanted fugitives last year during the team's annual training held at the Ralph A. McMullen Center in Roscommon.

"We may change hair styles, add facial hair or maybe add a piercing or a tattoo," said Detective Sgt. Mark Krebs from the Bad Axe State Police post and a member of the Forensic Artist Team. "We did this with hope that with the quantity of fugitives that are out there we could help make some arrests."

MSP forensic artists created the age progression drawings using old photographs and photos of family members covering a longer period of time. Family photographs allow the forensic artist to see how family genes may affect the fugitive as they age.

Dean, who works at the Crime

Lab in Grayling, said most family members are willing to help the forensic artists by supplying photos and information.

"I haven't seen much hesitation," she said. "It depends on the case and the nature of the issue."

When family photographs are not available, an artist uses his/her knowledge of facial muscles and anatomy to predict how the fugitive might have aged over time.

"It's primary the muscles in people's faces that change over time," Dean said.

The state police has only eight artists located throughout the state at the Bad Axe, Bridgman, Detroit, Lansing, Metro South and Richmond posts, as well as at the Grayling and Lansing laboratories.

Each artists has been assigned to update sketches of fugitives.

On March 23, Gary Gene Garlinghouse, a fugitive on Michigan's Most Wanted List, was arrested by U.S. Marshal's in Austin, Texas.

Garlinghouse was wanted on a 28-count felony warrant originating from a 1979 investigation by the Royal Oak Police Department. The warrant included charges of criminal sexual conduct, kidnapping, attempted murder and flight to avoid prosecution.

Dean was in the process of

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PLAYING IN THE PARK



Photo by Dan Sanderson

Hayden Seguin, 3, and Griffen Seguin, 7, of Grand Blanc enjoyed the sunny spring weather last week at the Grayling City Park. The boys were passing through Grayling while they were in northern Michigan with family and friends on their spring break, spending time in Traverse City and Lewiston.

Troops show support for MSU hoops in Iraq



The 1073rd Maintenance Company, which is based out of Greenville, displayed a Michigan State University flag signed by men's basketball coach Tom Izzo and women's coach Joanne P. McCallie at their quarters in Iraq. For more on the 1073rd, see "Troops show support..." on Page 13A.

Local man wins medals at Special Olympics World Winter Games

When John Paul Ludwick arrived at Metro Airport in Detroit with the pair of medals he won at the 2005 Special Olympics World Winter Games in Nagano, Japan, Cyndie is a Grayling businesswoman and Paul is in the draped around his neck, it marked the end of a year long adventure marked by emotional and physical ups and downs. It was one year ago that John Ludwick, 25, is a student at

COOR's Adult Transitional Program in Roscommon and is the son of Cyndie and Paul Ludwick. Cyndie is a Grayling businesswoman and Paul is in the Army National Guard at the M.A.T.E.S. facility in Grayling.

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John Paul Ludwick competed with Team USA at the 2005 Special Olympics World Games in Nagano Japan. He won the silver medal in the downhill race and a bronze in the giant slalom. John Paul is pictured with his mother (L) and coach (R).

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WILL TIE FOR TROUT



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Fly-tying instructor Chris Kline (left) gives a hands-on tying demonstration at his class on Saturday, April 2, at Hartwick Pines. Kline, a self-taught tier who has been tying since he was a kid, taught participants how to tie six different flies. It was the third year he has held the class at Hartwick Pines. He has upcoming classes at the Oden Fish Hatchery on April 9 and at the Carl T. Johnson Center in Cadillac on April 23.

Fire department trains in Post home

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

The Grayling City/Township Fire Department took part in some vital training in a house that was demolished on Monday.

Fire fighters trained in the home located at 301 Peninsula Avenue last month.

The home belonged to Marie Post, a life long Grayling resident who died in May 2004 at the age of 90.

The property was purchased by Blockbuster Video and will eventually be used for a planned expansion of the existing retail plaza.

Travis Roberts, the fire marshal for the department, learned that the home would be available for training when property owners had applied for a demolition permit.

Often times, the fire department can not have a home or building that is offered for training and inspected for hazardous and safety issues before they can coordinate the training and demolition takes place, said Steve Eddy, training officer for the fire department.

The department used smoke

simulators and portable heaters to create fire-like conditions in the home. They practiced search and rescue procedures as well as self rescue procedures under a scenario where the structure was starting to collapse, Eddy said.

The entire fire department participated in two training sessions at the home, and some members of the department also took part in individual training.

Fire fighters got used to using their air packs, which last 30 minutes, but can be used up quicker depending on the activity of the fire fighter, Eddy said.

"It is as realistic of training that we can get without having an actual fire because we can go back and do something over if we make a mistake," Eddy said. "With a real fire, you don't have that option. You have to stay on top of it."

Steve Scheppe, property manager for Blockbuster Video, said he was pleased that the community was able to get some benefit from the home before it was demolished.

"Hopefully, it was a good experience for the fire department," Scheppe said.



Photo courtesy of Grayling City/Township Fire Department
Grayling City/Township Fire fighters Kevin Flemming and John Williamson practice removing an injured fireman from the home.

Camp Grayling offers courses on terrorism

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

The Michigan National Guard is offering training on the dynamics of international terror-

ism for military personnel and law enforcement officials.

The National Guard hosted their first round of classes on terrorism last month to military, law

enforcement and civilian government employees.

The classes features formal training in counter/anti-terrorism with a basic awareness and appreciation of the motivation, organization, techniques, operational capabilities, and threat posed by terrorist groups on an international and regional basis. A strong emphasis of the courses is placed on the individual protective measures government personnel and their families can employ to minimize the threat.

"It's really geared toward the military and law enforcement and what they need to be looking for," said Diane Epps, the distance learning coordinator for the Michigan Department of Military and Veterans Affairs.

A total of 180 military and law enforcement offices went through the the courses last month.

Similar classes will be held throughout the year at the Michigan National Guard Distance Learning Centers in Lansing, Flint, Grand Rapids, Taylor, Grayling and Fort Custer.

Classes will be offered September 12-16 at Camp Grayling. The courses run daily

for 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

The courses are sponsored by the Joint Special Operations University Fort Walton, Fla., via video teleconference broadcast. Michigan is the only National Guard entity in the region that is certified to receive these classes.

Lt. Gary Beelen, commander of the 1440th Engineer Detachment based out of Camp Grayling, went through the terrorism classes last month.

The 1440th Engineer Detachment returned from a 12-month tour in Iraq in January.

Beelen, the only member of the unit who was injured, found the courses to be beneficial.

"I found the information to be very interesting and very useful," Beelen said. "It's something I wish our unit had went through prior to deployment."

Beelen said future courses will feature information on various cultures that the military has to deal with when they are serving their missions.

"We are going to be working with different cultures with these people on a day-to-day basis and it's going to be really critical that we offense this education to our units being deployed in the military," Beelen said.

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updating the sketch for Garlinghouse, who was tracked down by state police with help from an anonymous tip.

Krebs said that Garlinghouse's appearance has changed significantly over the years.

"You assume that they are still out there and that's one of the big reasons we wanted to do this," Krebs said.

MSP forensic artists are trained in age progression drawings, composite sketches, 2-dimensional and 3-dimensional skull reconstruction and post-mortem drawings.

The MSP Forensic Artist Program is one of the nation's only state-level teams with a network of artists available on a 24-hour basis to assist state, county or local police agencies at no cost to them.

The Forensic Artists Team had gone through training at the FBI Academy and with noted forensic artists Betty Gatliff and Karen Taylor.

The training has allowed the department to establish criteria for being a forensic artist. The Forensic Artists Team is in the process of adding three new artists to the unit.

"They almost have to be a portrait artist to start with and we don't just take anybody on board," Krebs said.

To view the age progression

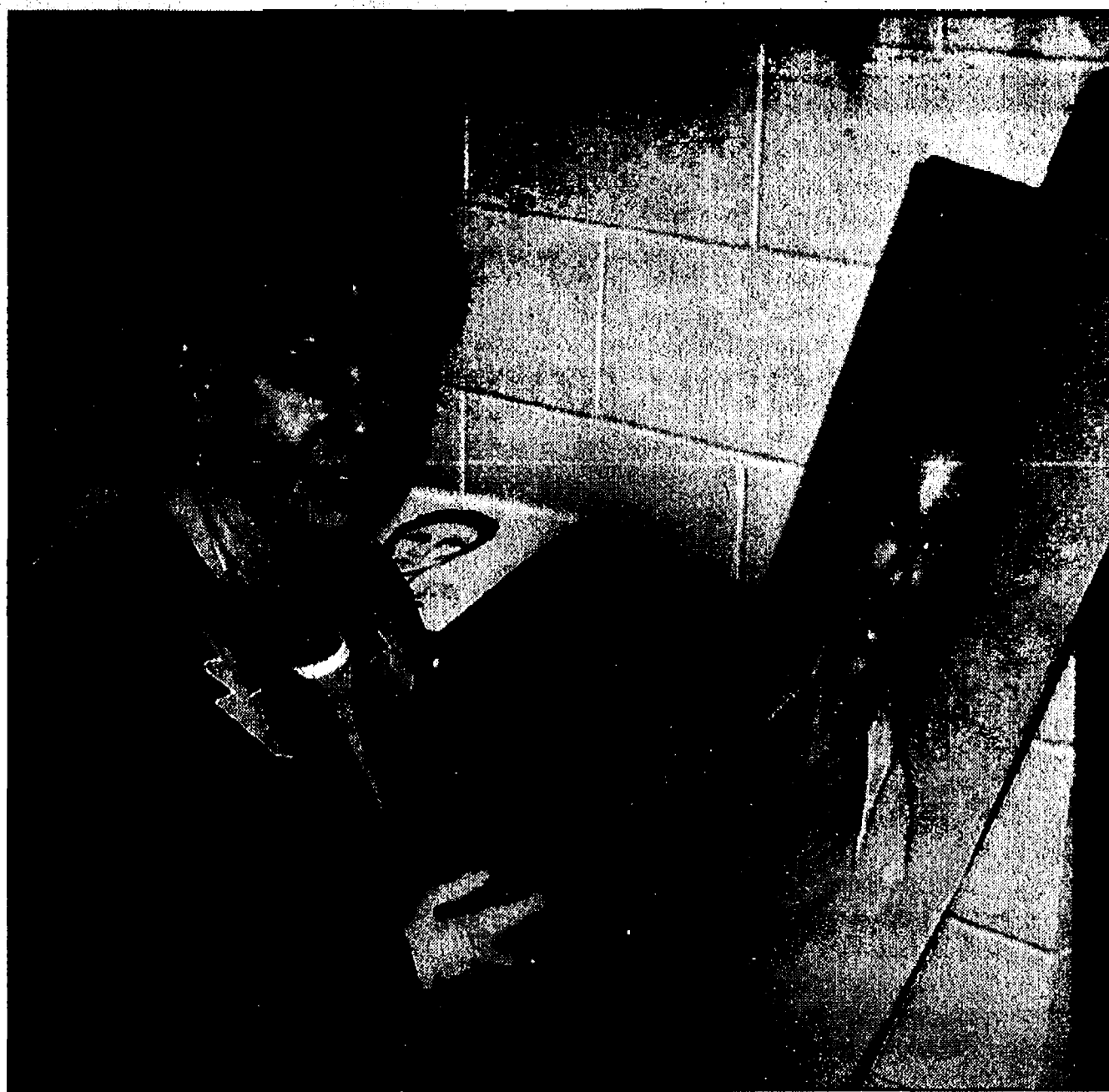


Photo by Dan Sanderson

Detective Sgt. Ingrid Dean from the Crime Lab in Grayling and Michigan State Police's Forensic Artists Team is in the process of creating age progression drawings of the state's Most Wanted Criminals.

sketches, visit http://www.michigan.gov/have_you_seen_me.

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Local man wins medals at Winter Games

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Paul found out he had been selected to be one of the 200 members of Team USA that would compete at the Special Olympics World Games in Nagano, Japan, February 28 through March 7. John Paul was selected to compete in alpine skiing, specifically, the downhill, slalom and giant slalom.

John Paul spent the spring and summer walking and exercising in preparation for the trip. All was going well until early September when an accident left John Paul with two broken legs and a dozen pins in each shattered ankle. The incident occurred when John Paul had a seizure at home while helping to build a deck and fell 12 feet to the ground. His doctors had indicated he would be off his feet at least until the end of December. The initial thought by John Paul's staff was that this was the end of his Olympic dreams. However, even as he was wheeling around school in his wheelchair he was telling people he was going to be ready for Japan. His mother knew from his attitude he would

be ready. "He never gave up when it came to going to Japan, there was never a question in his mind that he would go," she said.

All the Team USA athletes were required to attend a five day training camp at Copper Creek in Colorado to prepare for the World Games. When John Paul showed up at camp needing to use a walker and wheelchair to get around, and unable to ski, the National Committee questioned as to whether he should be replaced by an alternate athlete from another state. According to Mike Eva, the Director for the local Special Olympics program and one of John Paul's coaches, "We convinced them we would have him ready and just hoped we could."

In early January, the questions were answered as John Paul buckled up his boots and skied down the bunny hill at Snowsake in Harrison. At that point his coaches reported he could ski better than he could walk. This was followed by numerous practice sessions at Hanson Hills and Sylvan Ski areas with his coaches which

now included Bernie Shanley of Roscommon.

The first big test came in early February when he competed in the downhill competition at the Michigan Special Olympics Winter Games. It was his gold medal performance at these games in 2004 that led to his selection for Team USA. While he didn't match his performance from the previous year, he did ski well enough to capture a silver medal and prove he was ready for the World Games.

The easy part of the adventure came on February 29 when Team USA arrived in Japan to compete along with over 2,000 special athletes from around the world. Besides downhill skiing, John Paul had teammates competing in cross country skiing, snowshoe racing, snowboarding and ice skating.

John Paul competed against athletes from the Ukraine, Slovenia, New Zealand and Slovakia in some of his races. He opened the competition by taking a silver medal in the downhill race. A day later he captured a bronze in the giant slalom and

ended his competition with a fourth place finish in the slalom. John Paul was able to share his experience with some of his family as his mother, brother Terry Ludwick, sister Olivia Ludwick and his aunt and uncle, Gloria and Mike Holland traveled to Japan to watch his competition.

John Paul was able to sample the lifestyle of his host country as he and his teammates spent the first few days in a traditional Japanese home complete with mats on the floor for sleeping. Later the group moved into a more Western style resort.

When asked to describe his trip John Paul held up the large medals and said, "I went really fast," and smiled and added "and had a lot of fun."

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Police offer spring reminders

The Grayling Police Department is reminding residents of city rules and codes to keep the community safe and orderly as spring weather comes into full blossom.

Grayling Police Chief Karl Schreiner said trash is not to be placed at the curb until noon of the day before trash pickup. Pickup is usually on Monday, therefore trash may not be placed in the city right-of-way prior to noon on Sunday. If a holiday falls on Monday, pickup will not be made until Tuesday, so trash may not be put out prior to noon

on Monday.

Schreiner said that parking on or across sidewalk is prohibited by the Michigan Motor Vehicle Code.

Finally, yard waste may not be placed at the curb prior to noon of the day before pickup. Pickup will begin on Tuesday, April 19. Brush may not be placed at the curb prior to noon of the day before pickup. The Department of Public Works will begin picking up brush on Thursday, April 21, and plans on picking up brush on each following Thursday.

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Correction

In the March 31, 2005 Avalanche, the story titled "New teen club closes quickly due to legal issues," Fire Marshal Travis Roberts quote should have read, "I think it's excellent for the community. They just have to meet the codes." The Avalanche apologizes for the error.

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ISSUES AND OPINIONS



ALMANACK

by Richard L. Milliman

Federal cuts push some governors into new taxes

SOME REPUBLICAN governors are caught between the proverbial rock and a hard place.

The rock is the reality that Republican tax cuts at the national level -- along with a sluggish economy these tax cuts were designed to alleviate -- are resulting in less revenue for their states because of lower levels of tax sharing.

The hard place is the further reality that they must ask for more state taxes to keep their states running the way they think they should.

Most of these GOP governors earlier have embraced the partisan dogma of limited government and "no new taxes," so they find it extremely difficult to face fiscal reality.

A recent story in The Washington Post discussed the uncomfortable dilemmas emerging for Republican leadership in several states.

According to the Post article, during the past two years Republican governors Bill Owens in Colorado, Kenny Guinn in Nevada, Dirk Kempthorne in Idaho, Sonny Perdue in Georgia and Bob Taft in Ohio have abandoned earlier positions

of no new taxes, and instead are seeking higher state taxes so state services can operate at acceptable levels.

Perhaps the most ironic convert to state government reality is new Gov. Mitch Daniels in Indiana, who was President George W. Bush's first budget director and a devoted advocate of lower taxes, smaller government.

But after he was elected governor of Indiana last November, in preparing his first state budget Gov. Daniels cited a revenue shortfall of \$250 million, and faced spending cuts which he was unwilling to propose.

Instead, the former tax-cutting Bush administration federal budget director proposed a 29 percent increase in Indiana's state income tax aimed at the upper brackets.

THE POST ARTICLE cited comments from other Republican governors who succumbed to the necessity of changing views.

Gov. Dirk Kempthorne of Idaho, who proposed tax increases in his 2003 budget: "I have done something that is

absolutely not part of my fiber. But I'm not going to dismantle this state, and I'm not going to jeopardize our bond rating, and I'm not going to reduce my emphasis on education."

Gov. Kenny Guinn of Nevada, who won the biggest tax increase in Nevada history: "Some people say that makes me a bad Republican. Well, I would be a worse Republican, and a worse grandfather, and a worse citizen if I didn't find enough money to educate our children and fund our Medicaid program and provide decent prenatal care."

Sometimes elected office can be tough, and these Republican governors found the courage to abandon popular positions -- which, it's likely, helped get them elected in the first place -- in the face of new and emerging conditions.

IN MICHIGAN, of course, we have a Democratic governor working with a Republican legislature.

It appears both continue to embrace the no-new-taxes and reduce-state-spending mantra, in face of budget shortfalls which have dogged the state year

after year.

Our leaders have been making-do each year with a growing patchwork of special or temporary fees or taxes, mainly on users, plus chop after chop in existing state programs.

A repeating device has been to reduce, one way or another, state payments to local governmental units, just as federal budget makers have repeatedly reduced payments to states.

As with the federal reductions to states, that is no saving. It's only passing the responsibility down the line to other governments to raise their own revenue or make their own cuts. In the end, it's the taxpayer who pays, and the user of government services -- who are all of us -- who bear the burden.

But how far can our leaders cut the fat out of government programs before they reach the bones?

How many more special gadgets and emergency patches can the tax structure stand before it collapses entirely?

The six Republican governors cited in the Washington Post article and acknowledged here have assessed their

commitments to their voters and came out with different priorities than they held earlier.

Is it time for the Democratic governor of Michigan and the Republican leaders in the Michigan legislature to do likewise?

MORE ADVICE -- As long as I'm dishing out advice on how folks in charge should run our governments, here's an idea aimed at Washington.

Been to a gas pump lately? What's going on with the price of gas at the pump?

Meanwhile, with much fanfare, Congress investigates illegal muscle building in sports.

Maybe instead of studying steroids, they should be tackling the octane problem.

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

EDITOR

It's time that Congress repaid its debt

To the editor:

When President Ike was in office in the 50s there was a billion dollars plus in the Social Security Fund. Congress saw this and said that they can use this. They borrowed much of this for domestic spending. And then attached welfare, Medicare, and sundry slush funds for their own use.

Congress since that time have raided Social Security continually. I doubt that any of these funds have been returned.

If we want Social Security to be able to maintain its charter, I think it's time that Congress repaid its debt. If the monies were returned to Social Security it would be in good shape again.

P.S. I realize that Congress and the Senators have wasted the money they took from the Social Security Fund, but if they would pass on their raises this year it might help to pay a lot of it.

Richard L. Bulley
Grayling

Support for our soldiers is important

To the editor:

The communities of Grayling, Gaylord, Roscommon and Houghton Lake have continually supported our soldiers serving in support of Operation Iraqi and Enduring Freedom. I personally look forward each week to my Avalanche arriving and most every edition an article is published in support of these brave

men and women. Community support for these soldiers and their families is extremely important. Thanks again for "telling our story" and keep up the great work.

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They just patch and repatch Four Mile Road

To the editor:

I have lived in Grayling for 19 years. I live off Four Mile Road on Beasley Avenue. My Mom has lived here for 28 years.

If you live off Four Mile Road, from the railroad tracks to Staley Lake Road you will know what I am talking about. The road has never been repaved since I have lived here and my Mom says she never recalls it being repaved. The pot holes are so bad that you can not avoid hitting a hole without hitting a hole.

The sides of the road are all chipped away. They just

patch and repatch and repatch Four Mile Road.

I don't know about you, but I pay my taxes, they are included with my house payment. So why don't they fix Four Mile Road like they should.

From Military Road to the railroad tracks, Four Mile Road is kept up good. Why is that? Do only those people pay their taxes and not the rest of us?

I don't know about the rest of you on my side of Four Mile Road, but I am tired of the favoritism.

Becky Smith
Grayling

Reader clarifies issue with zoning board complaint

To the editor:

I think some clarification is needed to the recent article titled "Township officials address Zoning" that appeared in the March 30 issue of the Avalanche. At the beginning of the meeting, the letter from Jay Stephan was read and Mr. Stephan was then asked to explain his complaint. He said that his complaint was based on Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) discussing and voting on issues not on the agenda.

In particular he claimed the ZBA discussed the Boathouse Issue and then voted on a motion to go to the Township attorney about it.

No one on the ZBA remembered voting on such a motion and the minutes of the meeting did not show that such a vote occurred. The Township Board then asked Mr. Stephan to withdraw his letter of complaint. After considerable discussion he did withdraw the letter.

I think that it is important to realize that the ZBA was within their rights to discuss the issue as long as no official action took place. Since no vote took place, the Township Board found that nothing wrong took place and the ZBA members were not guilty of misfeasance.

Terrell Warrington
Grayling

Buy local?

To the editor:

Buy local. You're kidding me right? Among other things, I recently wanted a half inch wide strip of lace and had to go to Gaylord or Houghton Lake to get it.

At least when Ben Franklin was here we had a local option for lots of things. Now...

P.S. For my husband: Try buying a decent hinge for a cabinet here. Off we go again.

Pam Holzman
Grayling

VIEWPOINT

By Maria Klosowski,
River House Sexual Violence Advocate

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month and April 10 through April 16, is National Crime Victims Rights Week.

"When I meet someone new, they ask "What do you do?" I respond: "I am a sexual assault program advocate for River House." As the person talks generally I discover that they assume that my time is spent with women shortly after a rape. What we have discovered at River House is that these persons do not represent the majority of our clients. Why?" stated Maria Klosowski, River House Sexual Violence Advocate.

The reality is that the survivor of a rape often keeps the rape a secret. They do not speak with anyone about it. They hope in time that the feelings will go away. So when someone who has been raped calls River House, they may be asking for help for a rape that happened years ago.

Rural communities face particular difficulties and barriers to reporting a sexual assault. A major barrier is the high degree of familiarity in a rural community. There is the increased likelihood that the victim or friends or family of the victim will know the perpetrator. The survivor may encounter the perpetrator on a regular basis. Even law enforcement may have social connections with the perpetrator.

Recognizing the barriers that victims face in our community, Mercy Hospital -- Grayling and River House have worked diligently to provide services with caring, dignity and support to victims. It is very important to go to the hospital immediately after this crime. In some cases it is possible to collect "objective" evidence that reduces the victims need to testify.

Amanda Janisse is a sexual assault nurse examiner (SANE) at Mercy Hospital. She collects evidence of the rape while being sensitive to the emotional stress of the victim. River

House has trained advocates who stay with the victim and family/friends to meet their needs during this difficult time. Together they work with law enforcement to protect the victim of this crime.

Crime in America has a devastating impact on society as a whole and continually threatens our individual and collective sense of safety and security. Crawford County's Victim Services Unit helps victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, stalking, drunk driving, elder abuse, child abuse, hate violence, terrorism, identity theft, and survivors of homicide victims.

There are many challenges to ensuring that crime victims are treated with respect, recognized as key participants within our system of justice, and afforded services to help them in the aftermath of crime.

Justice isn't served until all crime victims are treated with dignity and compassion by our criminal and juvenile justice systems. Justice isn't served until we realize, as a community, that violence affects us all, and that victims' rights represent the very foundation upon which our nation was created.

In Crawford County we can be "bystanders" to justice, or we can recognize that justice for one person who is hurt by crime is truly justice for us all. We serve justice by serving victims of crime. During Sexual Assault Awareness Month and Crime Victims Rights Week and throughout the year, let us remember that we can make our neighborhoods stronger and safer by helping the victims of crime. Only then are we truly serving justice.

River House and Crawford County Victim's Services will host a March for Survivors on April 14. The march will start at 4:30 p.m. at River House, 1009 North Down River Rd and finish with a brief program and refreshments at the Crawford County Courthouse.

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COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

COA to host speaker on senior employment

The Crawford County Commission on Aging will host Norma Gibes, from Experience Works (formerly known as Green Thumb) on Thursday, April 14, 12:15 p.m. and again at 5:15 p.m., at the Senior Center, 308 Lawndale, Grayling. Gibes will be presenting information about employment opportunities for seniors fifty-five years and older. For more information or if you need transportation contact Eloise Mize at 989-348-7123.

Crawford County Democrats to meet

The Crawford County Democrats will gather for their regular monthly meeting on Thursday, April 14, 7 p.m. at the Crawford County Courthouse. Regular meetings are the second Thursday of the month. The public is welcome. Web site is www.firstdistrictdems.com/crawford. E-mail is crawfordcountydems@yahoo.com.

Community march to be held for victims

River House and the Crawford County Victim Services will be holding a community march for 2005 Sexual Violence Month and National Crime Victims' Rights Week on Thursday, April 14 starting at 4:30 p.m. River House employees and community members will walk to the Courthouse where at 5 p.m., not only the victims of crime will be honored, but also Amanda Janisse, the Mercy Hospital SANE nurse, who brings honor to victims on a daily basis. The public is welcome. For more information call River House at 989-348-3169 or Crawford County Victim Services at 989-344-3248.

C.W. Borchers and VFW Post 3736 to meet

The C.W. Borchers VFW Post 3736 and Auxiliary will have their next meeting on April 12, 7 p.m., at the American Legion. The nomination and election of new officers for the coming year 2005-2006 will be held. It is important for all members to be present.

VFW service officer to interview veterans

The Department of Michigan, Veterans of Foreign Wars Assistant State Service Officer, Art Bates, will be at the Michigan Works Office in Grayling on April 15, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., to interview veterans and/or their dependents on veterans benefits. Call 989-348-8709 if you have any questions.

Church to hold yard sale

The Grayling Seventh-day Adventist Church and School will be having a yard sale on Sunday, April 10 and Sunday, April 17 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the church parking lot at Camp AuSable off M-72 East. Proceeds will go to the church school.

New IRS web feature helps with lost refund checks

"Where's My Refund?" the popular Internet-based service used by taxpayers to check on their federal income tax refunds, now offers a safe and easy way to trace refund checks and update a flawed mailing address.

These enhancements allow taxpayers to start a trace for lost or missing refund checks and notify the Internal Revenue Service of an address change when a refund check goes undelivered.

"This new feature lets taxpayers take quick and easy steps to track down a lost refund," said IRS Michigan spokesperson Sarah Wreford. "It can reduce headaches for over 1,500 Michigan taxpayers (88,000 nationwide) who wind up with undelivered refund checks each year."

Wreford said that taxpayers securely access their personal refund information through IRS.gov, the agency's Web site. They enter their Social Security

number, filing status and the exact amount of their refund. "These shared secrets - data known only to the taxpayer and IRS - verify the person is authorized to access the account and make it possible to avoid delays in tracing refunds and changing an address," she said.

Taxpayers used "Where's My Refund?" nearly 24 million times last year and have used it more than 16 million times so far this year.

"The new features offer step-by-step instructions to allow taxpayers to trace their lost checks and change or correct their mailing addresses when their refund checks have been returned to the IRS as undeliverable," said Wreford. "When the taxpayer makes the change online, it automatically updates the IRS database and provides a date when the refund check should be received."

Wreford added that the new services are specialized so only those taxpayers who actually

Kirtland hosts Mississippi writer for Controlled Burn season finale

Becky Hagenston, a writer and assistant English professor at Mississippi State University, will read from her work Wednesday, April 6, in the season finale of Kirtland's Controlled Burn Reading Series - a monthly series that brings contemporary writers and poets to the Kirtland campus.

Hagenston's short stories have appeared in magazines such as "Southern Review" and "Shenandoah." A collection of her stories, "A Gram of Mars," was published in 1998 by Sarabande Books and won the Mary McCarthy Prize in Short Fiction and the Great Lakes Colleges Association New Writers Award. Her growing body of work has continued to bring her many accolades.

Although she grew up in Maryland, Hagenston received her master in fine arts degree from the University of Arizona and a master's degree in English from New Mexico State University (2000), where she was also on the faculty.

Everyone is invited to attend this free reading which begins at 4 p.m. in the Kirtland House. Controlled Burn readings always give the audience a chance to get to know the author, through a question-and-answer session following the reading, as well as a reception with refreshments.

For further information on Kirtland's Controlled Burn Reading Series, contact Daniel Crocker at 989-275-5000, ext. 376.

Library is seeking volunteers

The Crawford County Library System is fortunate to have the services of wonderful volunteers. Volunteers currently are assisting with shelving books, preparing Inter-library Loan materials, processing books, assisting with programs, and many other vital services.

The citizens of the area are utilizing many more library services now than they have in the past. With an increase in use it is necessary to have extra hands to make everyone's experience better. "Unfortunately, as library use increases, more books are checked out, and more people attend programs, the amount of work also increases," Director Bambi Mansfield-Sanderson

stated.

Without the services of volunteers it would be almost impossible to continue providing quality service to our community. Along with regular volunteers, there are many opportunities for individuals to work on requirements for high school community service as well.

In recognition of National Volunteer Week, April 17 - 23, the Crawford County Library System is asking that anyone who is interested in supporting the community by being a part of the library call 348-9214.

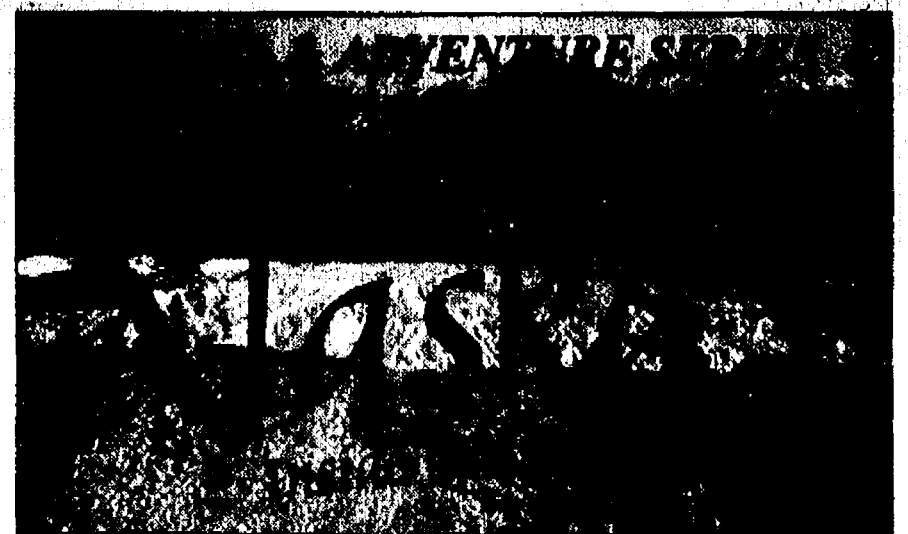
Being a volunteer at the library is a great way to be involved in the community as well as an opportunity to meet new people.

is up nearly 12 percent from last year.

Taxpayers who file married, filing joint tax returns must also complete and fax or mail a copy of Form 3911, Taxpayer Statement Regarding Refund. Signatures of both taxpayers must be on the form. The form is only required for those whose filing status is married, filing joint.

"I want to remind taxpayers that they can avoid undelivered refund checks by having their refunds directly deposited into a personal checking or savings account," Wreford said. "Direct deposit also guards against theft or lost refund checks. The option is available for both paper and electronically filed returns."

Almost 36 million taxpayers have used direct deposit for \$94 billion in refunds this year. The number of direct deposit refunds



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SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

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This week's menu (lunch/dinner) and activities:

Friday, April 8 - Lunch - chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, green bean amandine, blueberry cobbler. 12 p.m., Frederic and Maple Forest satellite meal. No dinner. 1 p.m. Stagette Club and Pantry Bingo.

Saturday, April 9 - Foot clinic. Call for an appointment 348-7123. Bring your own towel.

Monday, April 11 - Lunch - smoked sausage and mac and

cheese, green bean amandine, cauliflower, applesauce. Dinner - liver and onions, mashed potatoes and gravy, coleslaw, apricots. 12 p.m. Stag Club; 1 p.m. Bridge Club; 5:30 p.m. Hangman.

Tuesday, April 12 - Lunch - sloppy joes, potato salad, brussels sprouts, mandarin oranges. Dinner - baked ham, sweet potatoes and marshmallows, green bean amandine, apple cake. 8:30 a.m. casino trip; 1 p.m. Euchre Club; 5:15 p.m. guest speaker "Social Security and Personal Accounts;" 6 p.m. pool challenge; 6:30 p.m. Housing Commission board meeting.

Wednesday, April 13 - Lunch - roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, carrots, mixed fruit.

Dinner - meat lasagna, tossed salad, mixed vegetables, cheese bread, birthday cake. 10 a.m. line dancing; 12 p.m. Stag Club; 5:30 p.m. white elephant auction.

Thursday, April 14 - Lunch - sub sandwiches, apricots, raw broccoli and cauliflower, cookie. Dinner - sirloin steak, baked potato, peas and pearl onions, pears. 10 a.m. aerobics, craft class; 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. blood pressure checks; 12:15 p.m. and 5:15 p.m. speaker, "Experience Works;" 5:30 p.m. Uno-Attack.

The Crawford County Commission on Aging's Senior Center is located at 308 Lawndale, behind Burger King in Grayling. Walk-ins are welcome.

RAFFLE WINNERS

Grayling Youth Booster Club

The 50/50 raffle winners for April 3 of \$25 each: Jan Thorn, Diana Doremire, Jack Harney, Matt Evon and Cindy Evon.

Grayling Lions Club

The Lions Club Lucky 13 raffle winner of \$300 for week 13 is Maureen McNamara.

Project Graduation

The "Lucky 300 Club" raffle winner of \$100 for April 1 - Judy Baker.

The staff at Hilltop Manor Health Care Center would like to extend their heartfelt thanks to all of the EMS, Fire Departments, area Hospitals and police that responded to our emergency situation on March 26, 2005.

All of us expected the professionalism but on top of that the compassion that was felt and seen towards our residents touched us very deeply.

Thank you for all your help and everything that you do.

Sincerely,

The staff at Hilltop Manor

The Bible Speaks

Changing Churches

Churches have gone through a revolutionary change since I was a boy. I remember when churches were respected, their doors often unlocked, their message clear, and their moral influence set the norm for the entire community. But now they often use different Bibles, sing different songs, teach different values, and promote worldly programs and goals to win people.

Some churches today are called megachurches. They include such things as golf courses, marinas, condominiums, mortuaries, hotels, skating and water parks, computer classes, food courts, and many other attractions. These churches are built upon giving people what they want or pleasing them. But there is a saying, "What you win people with is what you win them to." The primary reason for going to church is to worship God, not to be entertained.

I recently read of a survey in England which revealed what people believe churches should be today by calling on them, "to robustly defend moral values with conviction and courage and cease being 'silent' and 'lukewarm' in the face of moral and

social collapse."

A true church of Jesus Christ recognizes He is both the foundation and head of the church. His Holy Scriptures are the absolute authority for the truth believed, practiced, and taught in such a church. His Holy Spirit is the administrator of the church. Spreading the gospel of the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ for sins is the mission of the church. And baptized believers bound together in the unity of the faith make up the visible body of the church. But don't examine each member too closely, because they are all just sinners saved by the grace of God.

Some claim they refuse to go to church because of hypocrites. But you must be smaller than a hypocrite to hide behind one. In fact, hell will be filled with hypocrites and these same people who hate hypocrites are making little effort to avoid going there. Wouldn't it be better to spend a few years with only a few hypocrites than to die and spend eternity with all of them?

The truth is, only our Lord Jesus Christ has ever lived a perfect life on this earth without any sin or hypocrisy. The rest of us are all sinners and hypocrites, so

it make little difference arguing which of us is the best or worst. None of us can make it to heaven by our own goodness or righteousness. God tells us in Isaiah 64:6: "But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away." No one can claim to be exempt of Ecclesiastes 7:20: "For there is not a just man upon earth, that doeth good, and sinneth not."

So every human being is a sinner before a Holy God. And every human being is either a sinner saved by the grace and mercy of God through faith in the person, work, and word of Jesus Christ; or a sinner without hope headed for damnation and eternal Hell.

Our God has not changed! His Holy Scriptures have not changed! He salvation through faith in the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ has not changed. Why try to change His church? Pastor "B"

The Bible Speaks is a paid advertise and does not necessary reflect the views and the opinions of the Crawford County Avalanche.

OBITUARIES

Donald O. Kangas

Jun. 23, 1916 - Apr. 2, 2005

Donald O. Kangas, 88, formerly of Grayling, passed away on April 2, 2005 at Manor Care in Tampa, Florida.

Donald was born on June 23, 1916 in Grayling to Finnish immigrants Rauha and Anton Kangas. He married Frances Entsminger in 1941.

He was a resident of Lake Margrethe and Grayling until moving to San Diego in 1998. In 2001 he joined his daughter and son-in-law in Williamsburg, Virginia, and moved with the family to Tampa in early 2004. During his retirement he traveled extensively to Florida, California, and Maui, Hawaii. In 1988 he visited his parents' native Finland.

He was a World War II veteran, a respected builder, an avid fisherman, and enthusiastic table tennis player.

He is survived by his daughter, Rebecca (Karl) Buhl of Tampa, Florida; and step-granddaughter, Erica Buhl of Atlanta, Georgia.

He was preceded in death by his wife in 1975.

His remains will be interred in the Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell, Florida.

Loretta Christian

Feb. 21, 1922 - Mar. 30, 2005

Loretta Christian, 83, of Grayling, passed away on March 30, 2005.

Loretta was born on February 21, 1922 in Perkiomen Junction, Pennsylvania to Giuseppe and Rosina Frisco. She married LeRoy Christian on October 27, 1945 at St. Anne's Church in Phoenixville, Pennsylvania.

She retired after 22 years of service as a food service worker at the Crawford AuSable Schools. She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church.

She is survived by her husband; children, Jacquelyn (Gerald) of Clinton Township, Linda (William) Thomson of Texas, Patricia (Aulo) Gonano of Grosse Isle and Paul Christian of Grayling; one grandchild, Christian Sabon, great-grandson Alexander Sabon, sisters, Anne Cosmay and Ethel (Edward) Barron both of Pennsylvania and brother, Joseph (Betty) Frisco of Pennsylvania.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Funeral Services will be held on Friday, April 8, 2005, at 11 a.m., at St. Mary's Catholic Church with Father Nalley officiating. Burial will be at Elmwood Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to Amicare Hospice, 201 Meadows Drive, Grayling, MI 49738.

Arrangements by Sorenson Lockwood Funeral Home, Grayling.

Donald Lee Millikin

Dec. 1, 1956 - Apr. 2, 2005

Donald Lee Millikin, 48, of Grayling, passed away on April 2, 2005. No services are planned at this time. Arrangements by Sorenson Lockwood Funeral Home, Grayling.

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We miss you more than words can say. We will remember you forever because you live in our hearts every day.

Love always,
Dad & Mom (Bill Decker)
Doug, Cyndi, Andrea & Brittany Yanniello

RANGE FIRING

Range firing is scheduled for the period April 7 - 13.

The Range 40 Complex, Air to Ground, located North of County Rd. 612, East of Guthrie Lake, South of Old State Rd. 618, and West of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.) will be conducting live and inert bombing operations by the Air National Guard during the following dates: April 7 and 11 - 13.

Range 20 and 21, Demolition Ranges located south of Howe Rd., west of the Crawford County Line, north of Daniels Rd. and east of the gas pipeline. April 8 - 10.

Heavy weapons range firing is scheduled from sunrise until three hours after sunset. Due to mobilizations or critical training requirements, the Post Commander may authorize mission-firing requirements beyond this time. This firing schedule is subject to change without notice to the public.

Contact the Grayling Department of Natural Resources for the areas closed for hunting within the boundaries of the installation. Grayling DNR telephone number: (989) 348-6371. For further information call 1-800-628-5820.

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Phone 989-275-1061
Services held Saturday at
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Saturday Church Service 9:30 am
Saturday Sabbath School 1:10-2:30 pm
Tuesday Prayer Meeting 7 pm

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989-348-2701
Sunday School (youth & adult) 10 am
Sunday Worship 11 am
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2005 Kirtland's Warbler Festival buttons on sale

Volunteers needed for May 21 event

Kirtland's Warbler Festival buttons are now on sale at several area chambers of commerce and other locations, affording local residents a considerable discount on the price of the Saturday, May 21 event.

The buttons cost \$3 in advance and \$5 the day of the event, which takes place on the Kirtland Community College campus. Children 12 and under attend the festival for free and parking is free.

Buttons are available at chambers in Grayling, Houghton Lake, Mio, Roscommon and West Branch, and at Carter's IGA in St. Helen.

The buttons are needed to attend all featured presentations during the festival and for the guided tours into the jack pines for the chance to see one of this country's rarest birds, the Kirtland's warbler. However, many other Festival happenings, including many children's activities, remain free.

With dozens of nature-oriented attractions for local visitors and increasing numbers of birders attending from points all across the continent — groups are already confirmed from Virginia and Texas — organizers are expecting great attendance for the 12th annual festival.

So volunteers are needed. According to volunteer organizer Carole Chilton, among other tasks, volunteers are needed to greet visitors in the parking lot and give directions, sell badges needed for presentations and tours, help with children's activities such as constructing birdhouses and fishing in the pond, provide hospitality at the fine arts gallery, and to help riders find their way to the horse-drawn wagon to see the near-by Red Pine Natural Area.

In all, more than 100 volunteers help keep things running smoothly. All volunteers will receive a special gift as well as a free badge.

Kirtland cooperates with several government and non-profit organizations in the region to organize this fun and educational festival every year. All are located within the heart of the jack pines which the Kirtland's warbler calls home during the summer months. Northern Michigan is the only place where birders have a good chance to view the Kirtland's warbler — the birds prefer relatively small jack pine to nest beneath and the males belt out a beautiful, easily recognized mating song. During the rest of the year, the birds are in the Bahamas where they are uncommonly difficult to locate.



The 2005 Kirtland's Warbler Festival buttons are now on sale at area chamber of commerces for the May 21 event.

Those interested in volunteering for even a few hours should phone Chilton at 989-275-5958, or Betty Ehinger at (989) 275-5000, Ext.252.

In addition to all the activities that take place Saturday, May 21 — including featured entertainers, artists, photographers and all kinds of fun and educational activities for youngsters — festival organizers have added two additional tours to the jack pines on Sunday, May 22, at 7 a.m. and 8 a.m. in order to accommodate the growing number of birders who come to Roscommon to see the Kirtland's warbler.

For more in depth information about the Kirtland's Warbler Festival, including the full schedule of events, visit online at warbler.kirtland.edu.

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Huron-Manistee National Forests release proposed Forest Management Plan

The Huron-Manistee National Forests released the Proposed Land and Resource Management Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement for public comment on March 18. The revised Forest Plan will provide management direction for the approximately one million acres of national forest land in the northern Lower Peninsula of Michigan for the next 10 to 15 years.

Along with the proposed Forest Plan, the Forest released a Draft Environmental Impact Statement, which documents

the environmental, social, and economic impacts of three different management alternatives. The different management alternatives were developed based on public comments to the Notice of Intent that was published in September 2003.

The Notice of Availability for the proposed Plan and DEIS was expected to be published in the Federal Register on or about March 18, 2005, which will begin the 90-day public comment period. Open houses to review information used to develop the plan and answer questions about the Proposed

Plan are scheduled in April. The planning documents will be available on the Forest's web site at www.fs.fed.us/r9/huron-manistee March 18 and by request at 231-775-5023, ext. 8734.

All three Michigan National Forests have been working on revising their Forest Plans over the past two years. The Ottawa and Hiawatha National Forests have announced the availability of their respective Proposed Plan and DEISs, as well. Information on these Proposed Plans and DEISs are available from those forests.

Representatives of the Huron-Manistee will be available to discuss the documents at eight open house forums from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. The following four locations are being held on:

April 6 - Embassy Suites Hotel Detroit, 19525 Victor Parkway, Livonia, MI 48152. 1-734-462-6000.

April 6 - Mio Community Center, 9th Street, Mio, MI.

April 11 - Chittenden Nursery, Wellston, MI.

April 12 - McGuire's Resort, 7880 S. Mackinaw Trail, Cadillac, MI 49601. 1-231-775-9947.

Animal Shelter receives memorial donations

The Animal Shelter of Crawford County has received many memorial donations in honor of those who have passed. The following is a list of honorees and donors who have made a donation during the time period of December 2004 through March 2005:

For Don Bowers: Joseph and Ruth Golov, Henry and Samira Galler, Grayling Eagles Auxiliary, Mr. and Mrs. H. Donald Schersten, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Boman.

For Beth Seator: Iris Corr, Ralph Rasmussen, Orville and Lillyann Claybaugh, Ken and Bonnie Schaeffer.

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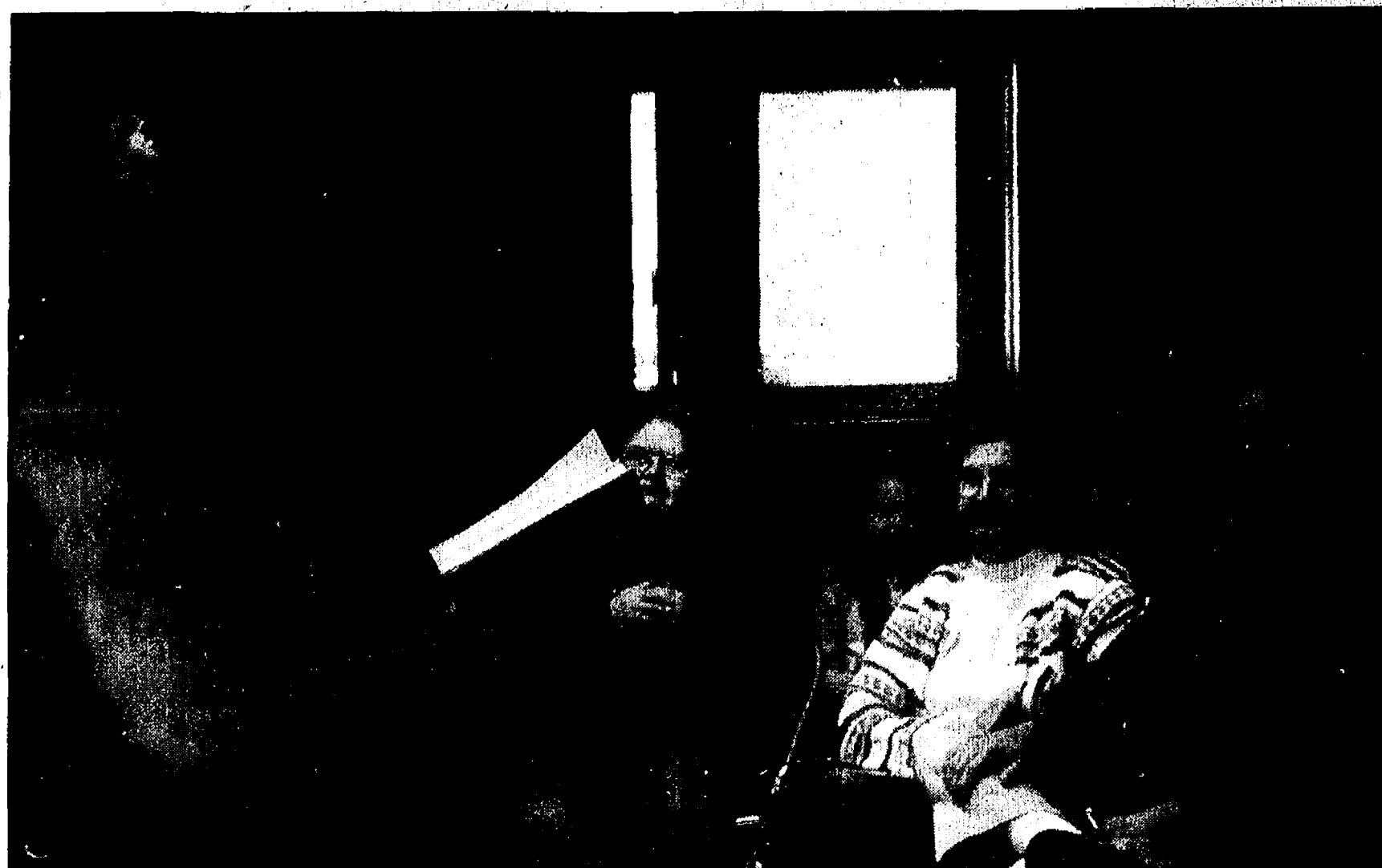


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Louise Tournaud, from the Louise Tournaud School of Dance, explained the customs of hula dancing at a recent Book Buddy Event held at the Lovells Library. The Book Buddy "Tropical Mental Vacation" allowed Lovells area residents to celebrate the end of winter. Citizens who attended the event enjoyed tropical fruit salad, macadamia cookies, ginger snaps and coconut macaroons. Various books and movies featuring exotic places such as Mexico, Hawaii and the Caribbean were also on display at the event.

Proposal would boost game and cash donations for the hungry

by Chad Dally
Capital News Service

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) would join with hunters and anglers to help feed the hungry under a revived legislative initiative.

"As a hunter myself, I took a look at this bill and I think this is a great way for hunters to be able not only to enjoy the sport, but make a positive contribution to those in need," said Rep. Dave Hildenbrand, D-Lowell.

Originally proposed by former Rep. Sal Rocca, R-Sterling Heights, Hildenbrand's bill would establish a program in which the DNR would collect

donations of game, including moose, deer and fish, and contract out to have it processed. The food would then be distributed to food banks across the state.

In addition, hunters and anglers would have the option of making a tax-deductible donation of \$1 to the program when purchasing licenses, with the money placed in a state Sportsmen Against Hunger fund.

The bill passed the House last year but didn't reach a Senate vote.

Some officials in the DNR and other organizations like the Michigan United Conservation Club (MUCC) question the need

to fold the Detroit-based Michigan Sportsmen Against Hunger program into the DNR.

Since 1991, the private non-profit program has provided donations of money and game to 10 food banks around the state that each serves more than one county. The group distributed more than 50,000 pounds of game—primarily venison—in 2004.

Hunters bagged more than 26 million pounds of venison last year, according to the DNR.

Rodney Stokes, legislative liaison for the DNR, said he has concerns that the bill would set a precedent for the agency to solicit contributions on behalf of non-profit organizations and has asked the department's wildlife and administrative divisions to examine the proposal.

"This is something that would really be out of the ordinary for our department and that's why I'm asking our divisions to really take a close look at this, so that when we pull our analysis together we really have a sound basis for whether to support or not support this," Stokes said.

"Our concerns are whether other non-profits would want the same thing, and to see if this is something the department wants to be involved with and, of course, will it cost anything?"

It is unclear how much the program would cost, but Hildenbrand said the goal is to make it cost neutral for the DNR.

"This may be something where we start off with a trial period of a year or so to see how much it would bring in," he said.

According to Sportsmen Against Hunger President Louis

Krick, the bill is patterned after one in Virginia that gave hunters and anglers the option of donating \$2 to a similar program and generated between \$200,000 and \$300,000 in the first year.

Hildenbrand said making the program part of the DNR would increase the network of processors and funding.

"With this bill, the organization would be able to piggyback on the network of DNR processors and use the relationships that are already out there," he said. "But it would also help the program with a funding source."

Whether or not they choose to donate \$1 to the program, Michigan hunters and anglers will pay an extra dollar for licenses under a new increase to address a deficit in the Game and Fish Protection Fund. Nonresident fees will increase from \$4 to \$10.

Donna Stine, MUCC's assistant director of policy, said the group is concerned about contracts to process the game and gifts or donations to any particular group, even though MUCC is a partner in the current program.

Rep. Tom Casperson, R-Escanaba, chair of the Conservation, Forestry and Outdoor Recreation Committee, said he's concerned about setting up a food distribution program if it's the DNR that does most of the legwork.

"There is definitely a chance for some great community effort with this program," he said, "but I think it needs to be open-ended at the local level with the DNR playing a minor role."

Hildenbrand's bill is pending in Casperson's committee.

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Helsel, Babbitt engaged



Tanya Helsel and James Babbitt

Deb Helsel along with Timothy and Deidra Brennan, announce the engagement of their daughter, Tanya Jean Helsel to James Bruce Babbitt.

Helsel is currently a registered nurse at Grayling Mercy Hospital.

Babbitt is the son of Murray and Polly Babbitt. He is currently employed as the production manager of Arctic Glacier ice company.

The couple is planning a May 21, 2005 wedding.

HONORS

The United States Achievement Academy (USAA) announced that Naomi Anglemyer, from Grayling, has been named a United States National Award Winner in Physical Education.

This award is a prestigious honor very few students can ever hope to attain. In fact, the Academy recognizes fewer than 10% of all American high school students.

Anglemyer will appear in the United States Achievement Academy Official Yearbook, which is published nationally.

"Recognizing and supporting our youth is more important than ever before in America's history. Certainly, United States Achievement Academy winners should be congratulated and appreciated for their

dedication to excellence and achievement," said Dr. George Stevens, Executive Director of the United States Achievement Academy.

The academy selects USAA winners upon the exclusive recommendations of teachers, coaches, counselors, and other qualified sponsors and upon the Standards of Selection set forth by the Academy. The criteria for selection are a student's academic performance, interest and aptitude, leadership qualities, responsibility, enthusiasm, motivation to learn and improve, citizenship, attitude and cooperative spirit.

Anglemyer is the daughter of Howard and April Anglemyer of Grayling and the granddaughter of Robert and Joyce Cousins of Grayling.

Secretary of State will celebrate Buddy Day on April 11

Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land announced that this year's Buddy Day observance, which highlights the critical need for organ donation, will be on Monday, April 11.

April is "Donate Life Month" across the country.

On Monday, Gift of Life Michigan and Michigan Eye-Bank volunteers, known as "Buddies," will be in various Secretary of State offices from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to distribute organ donor information.

In Grayling, Secretary of State Branch Manager Dina Fiebelkorn will host "Buddy Volunteer" Bill Smith, Terri Lasby and Jerry Coger at the branch office located at 2384C 1-75 Business Loop in the Grayling Mini Mall.

Buddies have either received a transplant, are waiting for one, are the family and friends of a recipient or donor or are organ donor supporters. "The decision to become an organ donor is a decision to save a life," Land said. "The Department of State is proud of its Buddy Day sponsorship. Lives are transformed when people care enough to become a donor. We look forward to spreading the word about the critical need for organ donation this year. There is no greater gift than the gift of life, and that is what organ donation is all about."

This year about 130 branch offices will host Buddies to promote greater awareness of the need for organ, tissue and eye donation. All offices will have organ donor information on display.

In addition to the Buddies vis-

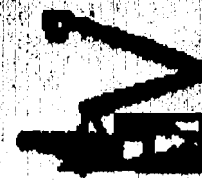
iting branch offices, Land will hold Buddy Day news conferences in Royal Oak and Flint.

Residents who will not be at a branch office on Buddy Day still have plenty of opportunities to enroll on the donor registry. The Department of State Web site makes registering easy with its online enrollment program at www.Michigan.gov/sos. Additionally, enrollment cards are available at any branch office and are mailed with every driver's license and state identification card.

Gift of Life Michigan is the state's certified, full-service organ recovery organization. The agency acts as an intermediary to provide educational resources for donors, recipients, physicians and hospital staff.

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assault/intimidation/stalking, one burglary/home invasion, one larceny, one vehicle theft, two damage to property, one damage property-private property, 16 public peace/disorderly, one miscellaneous criminal offense and three driving violation/driving while license suspended.

Sheriff Wakefield asks: "Do you know where your children are?"

For more information, log on to: www.crawfordsheriff.org.

GRAYLING POLICE REPORT

Grayling City Police Chief Karl Schreiner reports his department handled the following complaints during the week of March 27 - April 2:

Two traffic warnings, two traffic accidents, one motorist assist, one juvenile complaint, two assault complaints, three city

ordinance violations, four civil infractions, seven assist other departments, eight civil complaints, one felony arrest, two misdemeanor arrests, one alarm complaint, one disturbing the peace complaint, one malicious destruction of property and eight unclassified complaints.

BIRTHS

Darcie and Jeremy Bowers of Grayling, announce the birth of their daughter, Raigen Clair, born at Mercy Hospital in Grayling on March 27, 2005, weighing 6 lbs. 11 ozs., and measuring 18 inches long.

Michele Scott and Micheal Barnes of Grayling, announce the birth of their daughter, Kristin Sue, born at Mercy Hospital in Grayling on March 21, 2005, weighing 6 lbs. 8 ozs., and measuring 18 1/2 inches long.

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FOOT NOTES
by Ronald K. Olm, D.P.M.

VERRUCAE

Verrucae, which are small warts found most often on the soles of the feet, are common among teenagers. They look similar to corns but have a more superficial depth. Verrucae will also hurt when pinched, unlike corns, which are simply layers of dead skin. In the beginning stages, verrucae look like small, dark puncture marks. Later, they turn gray or brown and can become rough and bumpy or develop a black spot in the middle from bleeding. The human papilloma virus (HPV) causes verrucae. It is extremely contagious and contracted solely through direct contact. Individuals often contract the virus by walking barefoot on a floor that was recently walked on by an infected person. Infected towels can also spread the virus.



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P.S. Verrucae can become painful. See your podiatrist for relief.

Total ankle replacement technology offers arthritis pain relief

Thomas Crawford knows what it's like to deal with pain every day. He took medication daily to diminish the constant pain he had in his left ankle.

"When I was younger I broke my left ankle," said Crawford. "As I got older it began to bother me. For three years I suffered in constant pain until Dr. Goetz suggested I undergo a new type of ankle replacement."

Three years after Crawford's pain began, under the direction of Angus Goetz, D.O., a surgeon at N'Orthopedics, PC, in Grayling and Gaylord, he underwent a new procedure at Otsego Memorial Hospital that only six surgeons in the nation are trialing. These surgeons were chosen based on experience and geographic location.

"This is a relatively new procedure," said Dr. Goetz. "I am one of the surgeons participating in the trial phase of this ankle replacement. I have had people come from quite some distance to undergo this surgery. I've had patients from Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, Minnesota, and Texas."

Currently there have been only about 100 of these surgeries performed. Dr. Goetz has performed 35 of these ankle surgeries, the second most in number in the nation.

"This ankle design allows completely unconstrained ankle movement," said Goetz. "Past ankle replacements have been limited in the range of motion a patient has."

The Buechel-Pappas (B-P) is a three-piece nitride titanium implant made by Entotec. It allows normal alignment during the stance phase and associated talonavicular (ankle bone) rotation for more comfortable and natural movement during walking.

Ankle fusion has been one of

the treatment options for patients with severe arthritis in the ankle. The procedure features a fusion of two bones together that prevents normal ankle motion.

Several clinical studies outside the United States have shown that mobile bearing prostheses provide the best results for ankle replacements. The new B-P is still under FDA study, but is hoped to be approved sometime between January and June 2005.

"This is a very difficult procedure," said Dr. Goetz. "Treatment of arthritis in the ankle is difficult to treat and not everyone is a candidate. Age is a consideration as well as weight and the disease itself."

Dr. Goetz completed a one and a half-year fellowship in order to learn the procedure and currently lectures around the country teaching other surgeons how to perform it.

For Crawford, the experimental ankle replacement has made it easier to focus on other things in life besides pain.

"The surgery sure has helped me get back to my everyday life," said Crawford. "It only took me about two months to get back to my daily life without pain and I still have full mobility of my ankle. I am no longer constantly taking medication for the pain and can work with greater ease. If I want to go on a long walk I can. That was something I wasn't able to do before."

The orthopedic surgeons at N'Orthopedics, in Grayling and Gaylord, are proud to offer a vast array of ankle surgery including fracture care, arthroscopy, and ankle replacements. Dr. Goetz also uses the Agility Ankle a different ankle replacement made by DePuy.

Local educator called to meet at the capitol

Grayling Middle School social studies educator, Mary Nama, from the Crawford AuSable Schools has been selected to participate in a statewide Social Studies Summit, "Meet Me at the Capitol," to be held April 14 from 2:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Appropriations Room of the State Capitol. "Social Studies Ambassadors" from all Michigan legislative districts will be meeting with their elected Representatives and Senators to share their professional work and give elected officials a glimpse into today's social studies classrooms. Nama will be meeting with Representative Matthew Gillard from the 106th House District.

Representative Gillard and more than 140 additional legislators and their staff members will be provided with essential social studies teaching materials used throughout the state. They will also see a variety of

student work and achievements in the areas of civics and responsible citizenship, economics, history, geography, and related social studies disciplines.

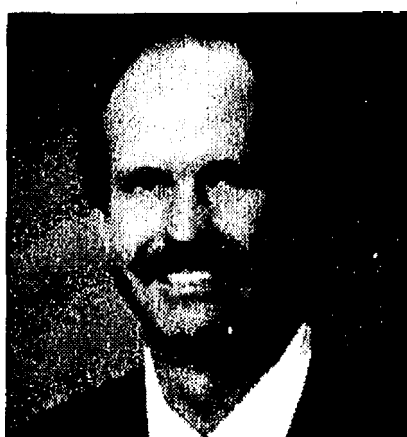
Nama said, "This is important to children and the future of social studies education. It is critical for students to study issues, make informed decisions, and become responsible citizens. Social studies education is the glue that holds our democracy together. The knowledge attained in K-12 experiences assists students in civic participation today and in the future."

The summit was developed from recommendations of the Michigan Social Studies Task Force that held statewide meetings last summer, and the organizing efforts of co-chairs State Representative John C. Stewart and Western Michigan University Professor, Dr. Joseph Stoltman.

Robert Townsend, DO, joins Mercy Hospital Grayling

Robert Townsend, DO, has joined the staff of Mercy Hospital Grayling as a specialist in Internal Medicine. Dr. Townsend will practice at the office of Todoroff Internal Medicine, with Charles Todoroff, MD, 308 E. Michigan Ave., Grayling. His office can be reached at (989) 348-4445, and he is currently accepting new patients.

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Self-service stations now available for renewal of vehicle tabs

Renewing vehicle tabs is a snap thanks to automated self-service stations now in Secretary of State PLUS offices and SUPER!Centers across Michigan. Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land announced today.

Land unveiled the self-service stations with demonstrations in Grand Rapids and Detroit. The ATM-style machines give customers the option of renewing their vehicle tabs without waiting for service at the counter. Fewer people in line also allow employees more time to assist customers who have complex transactions.

"Your time is valuable," Land said. "Don't spend it waiting in line if you can help it. Our new self-service stations are just the ticket. A few simple steps and the swipe of a credit card get you on your way with tab in hand. Don't wait in line - just scan, pay and go. It's fast, easy and convenient. Give it a try; you'll see the difference."

Customers simply follow the touch-screen directions and scan the bar code on their renewal notice. Upon verifying the information and accepting the credit card, the self-service station prints a vehicle tab and receipt for the customer. Single transactions usually can be accomplished in seconds.

To use the self-service station customers must have:

- A renewal notice with their correct name, address, vehicle information and personal identification number (PIN).

- A valid Visa, MasterCard or Discover credit card.

Self-service stations cannot be used to renew motorcycle and Gross Vehicle Weight tabs.

While simplicity is one of the self-service station's greatest attributes, customer service specialists in each office will provide any necessary assistance.

Land said that the project would not be possible without the support and expertise of the



Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land demonstrates the ease of using the new Self-Service Station to a customer in the Grand Rapids Area SUPER!Center. The ATM-style machine lets eligible customers renew their vehicle tabs in seconds, without waiting in line for service at the counter.

Michigan Department of Information Technology.

"The Department of Information Technology provided us with valuable experience and support," she said. "It was a pleasure working with the agency so that our customers receive the high-quality, modern service that they deserve."

Land reminded residents that they can "skip the trip" to a branch office altogether and renew their tabs via the Internet, phone or mail. The self-service station is a great option for those who run out of time to renew by Internet, phone or mail.

Land created PLUS offices and SUPER!Centers as part of her ongoing initiative to modernize branch offices. The new facilities provide enhanced services at no extra cost to taxpayers.

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and conveniences beyond those of traditional branch offices.

SUPER!Center benefits include Saturday hours from 9 a.m. to noon, expanded Wednesday hours from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., and on-site services such as the opportunity for customers to purchase their own driving records. PLUS offices offer many of the same advantages except for Saturday hours.

There currently are 10 PLUS offices and two SUPER!Centers throughout the state (see below). Twenty-two PLUS offices and five SUPER!Centers are planned.

The self-service stations are the latest in a long list of technological improvements that Land has brought to the Department of State. A greater variety of Web-based services and numerous timesaving branch-office upgrades are just some of the

enhancements that she has spearheaded.

The self service station in northern Michigan is at the Roscommon County PLUS Center, 2565 S Gladwin Road, Prudenville. Visit the department Web site at www.Michigan.gov/sos for more information about offices and services.

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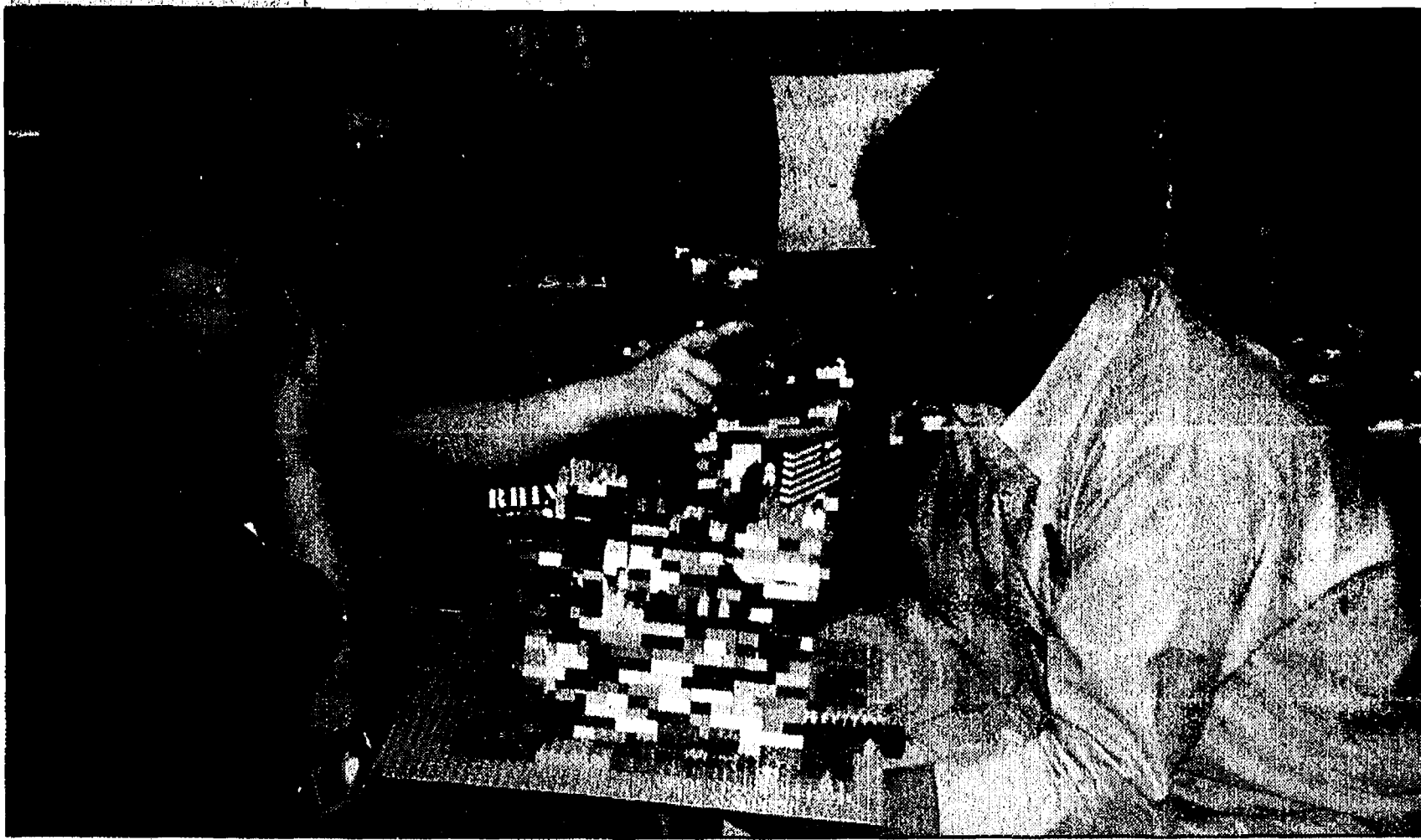


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Kurt Zimmerle, a master builder for the Lego Corporation who lives in Wolverine in Cheboygan County, held programs at the Grayling Elementary School and the Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library last week. Above, Zimmerle, checks out some castles made by youth during the library's lego building program.

## Troops show support for MSU hoops in Iraq

by Dan Sanderson  
Staff Writer

Some troops serving on the battlefields in Iraq with links to the Grayling area proudly showed their support for the Michigan State University men's and women's basketball programs while they were on their respective runs in the NCAA championship tournaments.

Brig. Gen. Robert V. Taylor, the assistant adjutant general for the Michigan Army National Guard, gave a photo of the 1073rd Maintenance Company flying a MSU flag signed by men's basketball coach Tom Izzo and women's coach Joanne P. McCallie to the teams last week. Tom Mason, the MSU athletic director, also received a copy of the photo.

The troops had proudly raised the flag at their base in Iraq at the beginning of the NCAA Tournaments, which the troops have been watching.

"These Soldiers are in harm's-way every day, they are away from their families, they

live in tents, and other than going home, there's just not a lot to look forward to," said Taylor. "But watching the determination of the men's and women's basketball teams, gives our troops inspiration, pride and a morale boost that keeps them going. It's events like this that give meaning to their work. The United States is able to continue public gatherings that draw large crowds because freedom reigns at home, thanks to the men and women of our military."

Mason and the coaches planned to display the photographs in their offices. The coaches also planned to use the "service to country" message as a motivator for teams as they advanced in the NCAA tournaments, Taylor said.

The MSU women's team defeated the Tennessee Lady Volunteers team Sunday, setting up the championship match with the Baylor Lady Bears which was scheduled to take place Tuesday. This was the first trip to the final four in

the MSU women's basketball program's history for the ladies.

The men's team was defeated by the North Carolina Tar Heels on Saturday. It was their fourth trip to the final four in the last seven years.

The 1073rd Maintenance Company, which is based out of Greenville, is under the command of Roscommon native Cpt. Jim Jennette.

Jennette used to be a member of the 1071st Maintenance Company based out of Camp Grayling. His brother, F/Lt. Jeff Jennette, is a member of the 1071st Maintenance Company, which is due to deployment for a mission in Iraq later this month.

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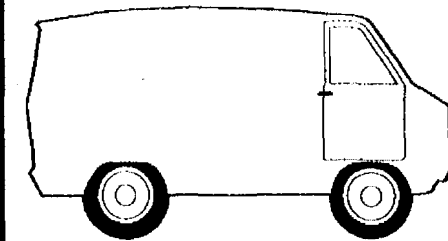
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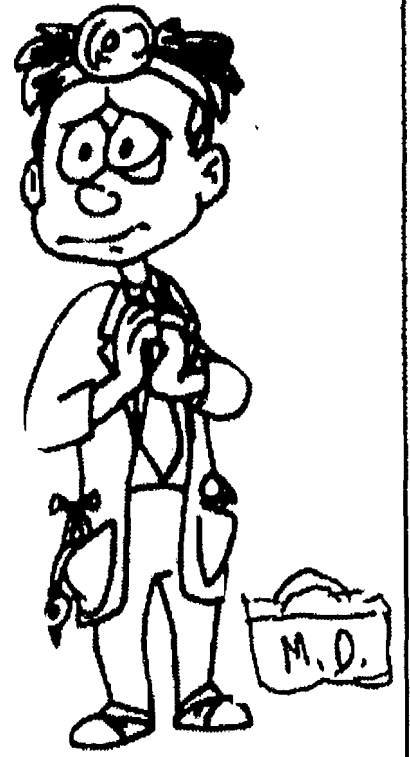
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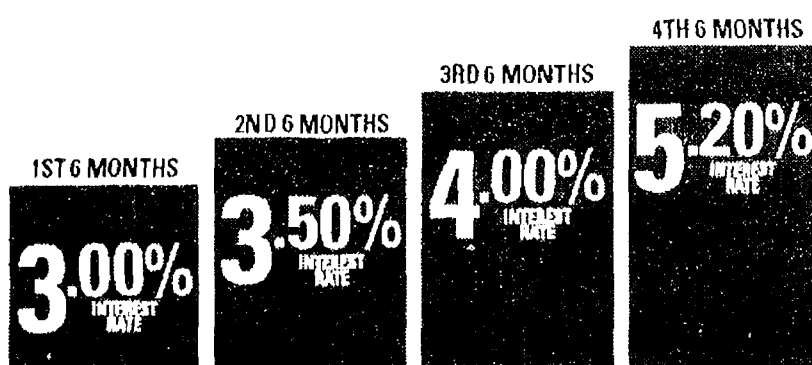
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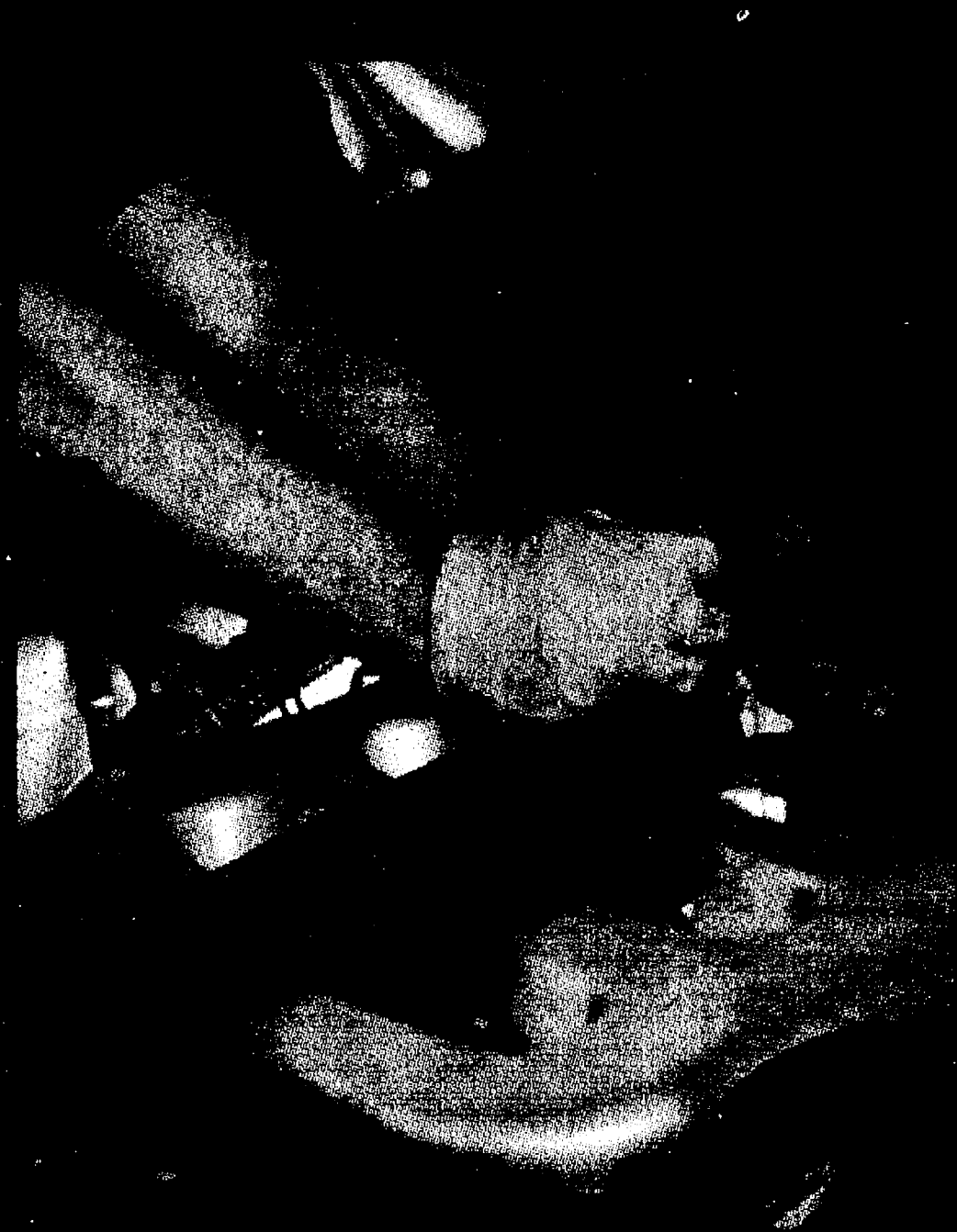
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# Consumers Can Avoid Problems by Watching for Warning Signs

When it comes to your car's safety, brakes top the list of systems that need monitoring. However, many people are unaware of the signs that indicate a car's brakes may need maintenance or repair.

For routine maintenance, it's important to check the vehicle's braking system at least once a year. A thorough inspection should include brake lining wear, brake fluid level, rotor thickness, condition of hoses and brake lines, brake and dash warning lights, as well as taking the car for a test drive to detect other potential brake system problems.

It is important to be alert and recognize the danger signs of brake problems. Other warning signs include an illuminated brake warning light, brake grabbing, low pedal feel, vibration, hard

pedal feel and squealing.

"Sometimes it's only a few miles between a soft brake pedal and a pedal that goes clear to the floor," said Stephen Powell, NAPA/ASE Technician of the Year and owner of Thoroughbred Transmissions & AutoCare, Inc. in Laurel, Md. "But consumers easily can protect themselves from brake failure by watching and listening for a few simple clues."

Powell says noise is one of the leading indicators that something is awry with brakes.

"Any out of the ordinary sound is often a sign that brakes have worn to the point they should be checked," he said. "Watch especially for a grinding noise, and if your brakes typically throw off brake dust on your wheels, look for a sudden increase or

decrease in dust." He added that finding small metal flakes on the wheels is also a sign that brakes should be checked.

Another leading indicator is the feel of the brake pedal, Powell said. If the car pulls left or right when braking, or if the front end shakes, those are both signs of excessive brake wear. If the brake pedal begins to feel spongy, it could be a sign that air has entered the brake system or fluid is low.

"A mushy brake pedal, along with a decrease in brake fluid, could also indicate brake wear," Powell added. "Check the brake fluid reservoir to make sure it's topped off. If not, then brake fluid is likely remaining at the wheel to fill the space caused by wear."

Many cars now have ABS

(Automatic Braking System) that initiates a rapid-fire pumping sequence to the brakes to keep the car straight during sudden or hard braking. "If the ABS light illuminates on your instrument panel, then it's likely that the wheel sensors have detected excessive build-up of metal particles from the brake system," Powell said. "Most cars are designed to shut down the ABS when excessive particle build-up occurs."

Powell added that a shut-down ABS does not prevent you from stopping, just that the ABS feature isn't working.

Other tips:

- Wheels should be pulled and brakes checked once a year by an ASE-Certified technician. "It's not uncommon to replace brakes after 12,000-15,000 miles," Powell explained. An inspection typi-

cally includes the rotors, calipers, drums, pads, pistons and brake lines.

- Brake systems should be flushed and brake fluid replaced every two years. "Brake fluid absorbs moisture in the system and becomes acidic after two years or 30,000 miles," Powell said.

- Check your owner's manual or ask your ASE-Certified technician to see what kind of brakes your car has and how they are adjusted. For example, most drum brakes are self-adjusting by backing up or engaging the emergency brake.

- Regardless of care, brakes should most likely be replaced every 20,000-30,000 miles. "Of course, how and where someone drives will greatly influence when brakes should be replaced," Powell emphasized.

## The Road to a Long-Lasting Automobile

Auto technicians say the key to keeping vehicles running well – today and down the road – is routine maintenance. Yet many drivers tend to stall when it comes to keeping up with some everyday auto basics.

A recent survey by the Car Care Council found:

- 54 percent had low tire pressure
- 38 percent had low or dirty engine oil
- 28 percent had inadequate cooling protection
- 19 percent needed new belts
- 16 percent had dirty air filters
- 10 percent had low or contaminated brake fluid

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The inspections include volunteers checking fluid levels, tires, lights and other system components. After the inspec-

tions are complete, volunteers and motorists review any problems that may have been found, and motorists receive information about proper

vehicle maintenance and repair.

The inspections are usually held in parking lots at shopping malls, schools and busi-

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# Think You're Under Pressure? Check Your Tires

(ARA) – Eighty-five percent of U.S. drivers are “stressing out” their tires by failing to properly check inflation pressure.

To help keep tires in top shape and to reduce vehicle risks, the Rubber Manufacturers Association (RMA) reminds drivers to check their vehicle's tires as part of regular monthly maintenance. Spending five minutes once a month to check tire pressure can maximize vehicle safety, performance, fuel economy and tire life.

“Underinflated tires are dangerous,” says Donald B. Shea, RMA president and CEO. “They cause excessive heat buildup and heat is the enemy of a tire. Over time, this can cause internal damage that may lead to tire failure.”

Motorists can reduce tire

stress with basic care – starting with air pressure. Properly checking tire pressure means checking at least once a month when tires are cold and using the correct inflation pressure. If properly cared for, tires can last a long time – usually from 40,000 to 80,000 miles, depending on the application. RMA offers these simple tips to keep your tires safer:

- Use a Tire Gauge. Your eyes are not a substitute for a tire gauge. Tires can lose up to half of the required air pressure and not appear flat. Use a gauge to check your tires once a month and before long trips.

- Find the Right Pressure. The correct inflation pressure for tires is specified by the vehicle manufacturer and can be found on the vehicle door edge, doorpost, glove box

door or fuel door. It is also listed in the vehicle owner's manual. RMA, which annually tracks tire care and maintenance habits among motorists, also found that more than half of drivers – 53 percent – wrongly believe that the correct inflation pressure is printed on the tire sidewall.

- Keep Cool. When you check the air pressure, make sure the tires are cold – meaning they are not hot from driving even a mile. Tires heat up and air pressure expands as you drive. If you have to drive a distance to get air, check and record the tire pressure first and add the appropriate air pressure when you get to the pump. Never “bleed” or reduce air pressure when tires are hot.

For additional information, visit [www.betiresmart.org](http://www.betiresmart.org).

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## Tips on How to Properly Connect Jumper Cables

In the world of automotive emergencies, motorists need to learn certain procedures for “safety's sake.” Two of the most valuable lessons, changing a tire and hooking up jumper cables, are best learned before an emergency arises, according to the Car Care Council.

The process of boosting a battery is especially important in cold weather. Jumper cables or cables on a portable battery booster should be connected properly to avoid sparks, which can cause an explosion of the hydrogen gas emitting from a battery. Beyond this, an incorrect hook up can damage critical – and expensive – electronic components.

The procedure is simple: Connect the positive (+)

clamp to the positive terminal of the healthy battery and the other positive clamp to the corresponding terminal of the dead battery.

Next, the negative (-), or ground, terminal on the good battery and, finally, the negative clamp to the engine block, frame or other grounded metal as far as possible from the battery. You want to avoid sparks in the vicinity of the explosive

hydrogen gas that emits from the battery. Do not connect it to the ground terminal (negative).

When using a portable battery booster, the process is much the same.

Connect the positive clamp of the booster cable to the positive clamp of the dead battery. Then connect the negative cable to the engine block or other grounded metal away

from the battery.

The Council offers an additional suggestion: if you are buying jumper cables or a portable battery booster, buy the best quality you can afford. Look for well-insulated clamps and 8-gauge wire. (Note: the lower the wire gauge number, the heavier the gauge.) Under the heavy electrical load of boost starting, lightweight cables may not be

able to deliver enough current to start some engines. In fact, they have been known to melt in the user's hand.

If your battery is three-years old or older and you haven't had it checked, it's a good preventive measure to do so, suggests the Council. A battery's power is reduced as the temperature drops. And that's when the engine's starting demands are greatest.

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## Fuel Savings Tips as Gas Prices Soar

With gas prices exceeding two dollars a gallon in many parts of the country, the Car Care Council is offering gas-saving maintenance and driving tips that really work.

"Millions of dollars worth of gasoline is wasted every day by motorists, because simple and inexpensive vehicle maintenance is neglected," said Rich White, executive director of the Car Care Council. "Loose or missing gas caps, under inflated tires, worn spark plugs and dirty air filters all contribute to poor fuel economy."

The Car Care Council offers these fuel-saving tips:

- Vehicle gas caps – About 17 percent of the vehicles on the roads have gas caps that are either damaged, loose or are missing altogether, causing 147 million gallons of gas to vaporize every year.

- Under inflated tires – When tires aren't inflated properly it's like driving with the parking brake on and can cost a mile or two per gallon.

- Worn spark plugs – A vehicle can have either four, six or eight spark plugs, which fire as many as 3 million times every 1,000 miles, resulting in a lot of heat and electrical and chemical erosion. A dirty spark plug causes misfiring, which wastes

fuel. Spark plugs need to be replaced regularly.

- Dirty air filters – An air filter that is clogged with dirt, dust and bugs chokes off the air and creates a "rich" mixture – too much gas being burned for the amount of air, which wastes gas and causes the engine to lose power. Replacing a clogged air filter can improve gas mileage by as much as 10 percent, saving about 15 cents a gallon.

Fuel-saving driving tips include:

- Don't be an aggressive driver – Aggressive driving can lower gas mileage by as much as 33 percent on the highway and 5 percent on city streets, which results in 7 to 49 cents per gallon.

- Avoid excessive idling – Sitting idle gets zero miles per gallon. Letting the vehicle warm up for one to two minutes is sufficient.

- Observe the speed limit – Gas mileage decreases rapidly at speeds above 60 mph. Each mph driven over 60 will result in an additional 10 cents per gallon. To maintain a constant speed on the highway, cruise control is recommended.

Some of the above statistics were gathered from a U.S. Department of Energy Web site, [www.fueleconomy.gov](http://www.fueleconomy.gov).

## Inspections Show Most Vehicles Need More Care

(NUI) – Do you have your vehicle's oil changed every 3,000 miles? Do you regularly check the air pressure in your tires or have them rotated on a set maintenance schedule? Are your vehicle's fluids checked regularly?

If you answered "no" to any of these questions, you're not alone.

According to the Car Care Council, 87 percent of vehicles inspected during National Car Care Month failed one or more aspects of the annual inspection.

"Compared to the 90 percent failure rate last year, the 2004 inspection results indicate that the motoring public is beginning to understand the importance of maintaining their vehicles and is starting to take action to reduce vehicle neglect," said Rich White, executive director of the Car Care Council. "While we are thrilled to see the numbers decrease, an 87 percent failure

rate is too high."

Even if you aren't mechanically savvy, there are things you can do to keep your car in safe and working order.

Checking your car's fluids is the first step in keeping it running smoothly. Low fluid levels can affect the safe driving performance of the vehicle and damage internal parts if not properly maintained. Twenty-three percent of cars inspected had low or dirty power steering fluid while 26 percent of vehicles had low brake fluid.

Checking tire pressure and tread depth is equally important. During the Car Care Council's inspection, 25 percent of the vehicles were found to have improperly inflated tires and 10 percent of the tires had worn tread and were in need of replacement.

Low tire pressure decreases gas mileage and tire life, and tires with worn tread are at greater risk of losing traction

on wet roads. Check tire pressure every time you fill up the gas tank.

Many roadside breakdowns can be avoided by motorists periodically checking their cars belts and hoses and replacing them when worn. At least one belt was reported as unsatisfactory in 25 percent of the vehicles inspected, and 12 percent of the vehicles required at least one new hose.

Drivers also should pay attention to the condition of their car's battery, air filter and vehicle lighting (such as brake lights, tail lights, headlights and turn signals).

As part of the "Be Car Care Aware" education campaign, the Car Care Council is offering a free service interval schedule to help take the guesswork out of what vehicle systems need to be routinely inspected and when service or repair should be performed. The schedule can be printed for free at [www.carcare.org](http://www.carcare.org).

## Oil: Your Car's Third Cooling System

(NUI) – Here's a little-known tip to help prevent your vehicle from overheating: Check the oil.

Along with the air conditioning and engine cooling system, oil plays an important role in keeping your vehicle cool.

Oil not only lubricates but also cools the hot moving parts as it flows through a working engine. The oil itself is cooled by air passing below the vehicle and under the pan where the oil collects before recirculation.

But if the oil level is low, the

engine has to work harder, generating more heat. That's why it's important to make sure the oil is always at the "full" mark.

Inspecting the oil level in a vehicle engine is easy, said John Nielsen, director of AAA's nationwide Approved Auto Repair network.

Simply remove the engine's oil dipstick when the engine is off and has not been running for an extended period. Next, check to see if oil is coating the dipstick up to the "full" level. Oil needs to be added or

changed if the oil coating is below this level.


Of course, it's also important to maintain the other cooling system that most vehicle owners are familiar with, Nielsen said.

Although it's known as antifreeze, the 50-50 mixture of ethylene glycol and water in the cooling system prevents corrosion that can cause radiator plugging and overheating in any type of weather.

The amount of liquid in the cooling system can be checked by inspecting the cooling system overflow bottle, Nielsen said. However, consumers who are uncomfortable or unsure about maintaining their vehicle's oil and cooling systems can seek professional assistance from a AAA-Approved Auto Repair facility.

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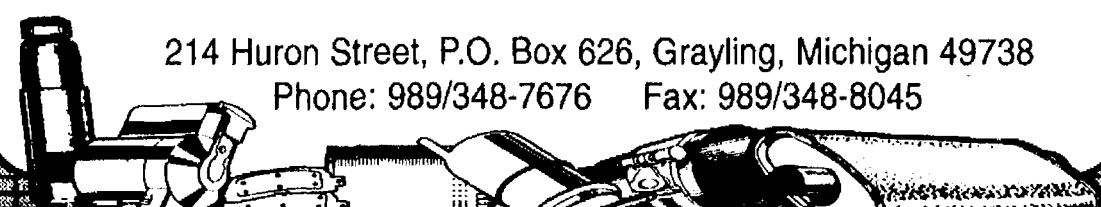
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# Springtime Presents Ideal Time for Car Care

(ARA) – Spring is here and none too soon. Traditionally, folks toss open the windows and get down to some serious housecleaning; and it should be no different for your automobile. Whether you do the work yourself or depend on a professional technician, getting your vehicle in shape now will undo the damage of winter driving and get you ready for the busy summer driving season.

Here are some tips from the experts who certify automobile technicians – the non-profit National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE).

- Read the owner's manual and follow the recommended service schedules. The manual contains a complete checklist of services and schedules and other important information about your vehicle.

- Remove clutter; vacuum the carpeting; clean all windows; wipe down headlights

with a soft, damp rag to prevent scratching. Wash and wax your vehicle to remove winter salt and grime and to protect your vehicle's finish.

- Flush and refill the cooling system (radiator) according to the service manual's instructions. The level, condition, and concentration of the coolant should be checked periodically. If you are doing your own work, make sure the engine has cooled down before removing the radiator cap.

- Have engine performance problems like hard starts, rough idling, and stalling corrected. You'll get better gasoline mileage and you can catch minor problems before they grow into more expensive repairs later on.

- If you are not a do-it-yourselfer, look for repair facilities with vehicles in the parking lot equal in value to your own, modern equipment in the service bays, and signs of qualified automotive technicians as evidenced by

trade school diplomas, certificates of advanced course work and training classes, as well as national certification of the individual technicians by ASE.

A qualified auto technician should check the tightness and condition of belts, clamps, and hoses. Most do-it-yourselfers do not have the proper equipment. But you can look for signs of wear, cracking, or frayed belts. Have belts and hoses replaced according to the service manual's intervals or sooner if you notice wear and tear so as to prevent sudden breakdowns.

- Have a marginally operating air conditioner system serviced by a qualified technician. The air conditioners on older vehicles often contain ozone-depleting chemicals that could be released into the air through improper or incompetent service.

- Change the oil and oil filter as specified in owner's manual. (Properly dispose of

used oil). Surveys of technicians indicate that this is the most neglected service, and one that can greatly reduce the life of your vehicle. Replace other filters (air, fuel, PCV, etc.) as recommended in the service manual.

- Check the condition of tires, including the spare. Let the tires "cool down" before checking their pressure. Uneven wear, 'cupping,' vibrations, or 'pulling' to one side indicates problems with your tires or suspension system.

- Don't neglect your transmission. Costly repairs can be prevented by routine service.

- For safety and convenience, inspect all lights and bulbs; replace burned out bulbs. Replace worn wiper blades and keep plenty of washer solvent on hand to fight summer's dust and insects.

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# Your Windshield IQ: What You Don't Know Could Be Dangerous

Most of us would conclude that our windshield was a very useful piece of equipment. It keeps cold and heat; wind and rain; and untold numbers of bugs and other airborne road debris out of our faces.

The problem is that consumers have different and more limited expectations from the windshield than the automotive engineer. In other words, we worry about water leaks or ugly "dings" and cracks affecting our car's value, while the engineer understands how such damage can affect the vehicle's structural integrity and passenger safety.

The fact is that the modern automobile and truck windshield is part of the vehicle's

safety restraint system (SRS) that also includes air bags and seat belts. If any of these safety components are damaged, or are inoperable for any reason, the effectiveness of the entire SRS could be compromised.

The SRS is designed to keep vehicle occupants within the relative safety of the passenger compartment during accidents, head-on collisions and roll-overs. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reports over 40,000 Americans are killed and over 5 million injured every year in highway crashes. Over 30 percent of the fatalities occur when vehicle occupants are either ejected from the vehicle, or, injured during rollovers.

Windshields are intended to keep occupants inside the vehicle. The windshield also supports the roof thereby preserving the structural integrity of the passenger compartment and keeping it from collapsing and crushing driver and passengers.

Seen from this perspective of personal safety, consumers have a vested interest in making sure any damaged windshield they replace is replaced properly and safely. For these reasons every vehicle owner should be aware of the five most important safety functions performed by their windshield.

- The most obvious windshield function is, of course, visibility. Unlike drivers of old, we do not wear goggles that keep bugs out of our eyes or highway debris from hitting our face. Even so, the modern windshield can become pitted and scratched from minute dirt and sand particles. Pebbles and stones can fracture the glass causing dings that, if left unattended, can affect vision.

- The second windshield function is not as obvious. In many cars and trucks, the windshield supports the passenger side airbag during deployment. If a windshield is replaced improperly, the windshield could become detached from the vehicle in an accident. If this happens the passenger side airbag will

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- The fourth windshield safety attribute is closely related to the third. When the windshield cushions the occupant's impact, it also keeps the occupants within the relative safety of the passenger compartment. If the windshield becomes separated from the vehicle, the occupants could be ejected through the windshield opening and onto the roadway. Outside the vehicle, the danger of being crushed by the vehicle is greatly enhanced.

- Finally, there is the integrity of the passenger compartment. Years ago, most vehicles had steel A-pillars to support the roof. Today, it is the windshield that provides much of the support that prevents the roof's collapse during vehicle roll-overs.

There are a few common sense tips people can follow to ensure their windshield performs as intended. The

ideal scenario calls for saving the original windshield installed by the factory. The conditions inside the factory for installing a windshield are perfect, so the confidence level in the factory seal between windshield and vehicle is highest. If the original windshield is damaged, there are two choices. Either repair the original windshield, or replace it. The advantage of repair is the factory's safety seal is not broken. The windshield is not removed from the car. That saves both the very expensive windshield and the safety seal.

Many people are unsure if their windshield can or cannot be repaired, so it is extremely important to consult a competent auto glass service provider for advice. If you are not sure, it is always a good idea to ask local service providers if their technicians are certified by the National Glass Association.

If the damage is beyond repair, then windshield replacement is the only other alternative. If replacement is indicated, ask if the auto glass shop endorses the Auto Glass Replacement Safety Standard (AGRSS) and trains their technicians to that standard.

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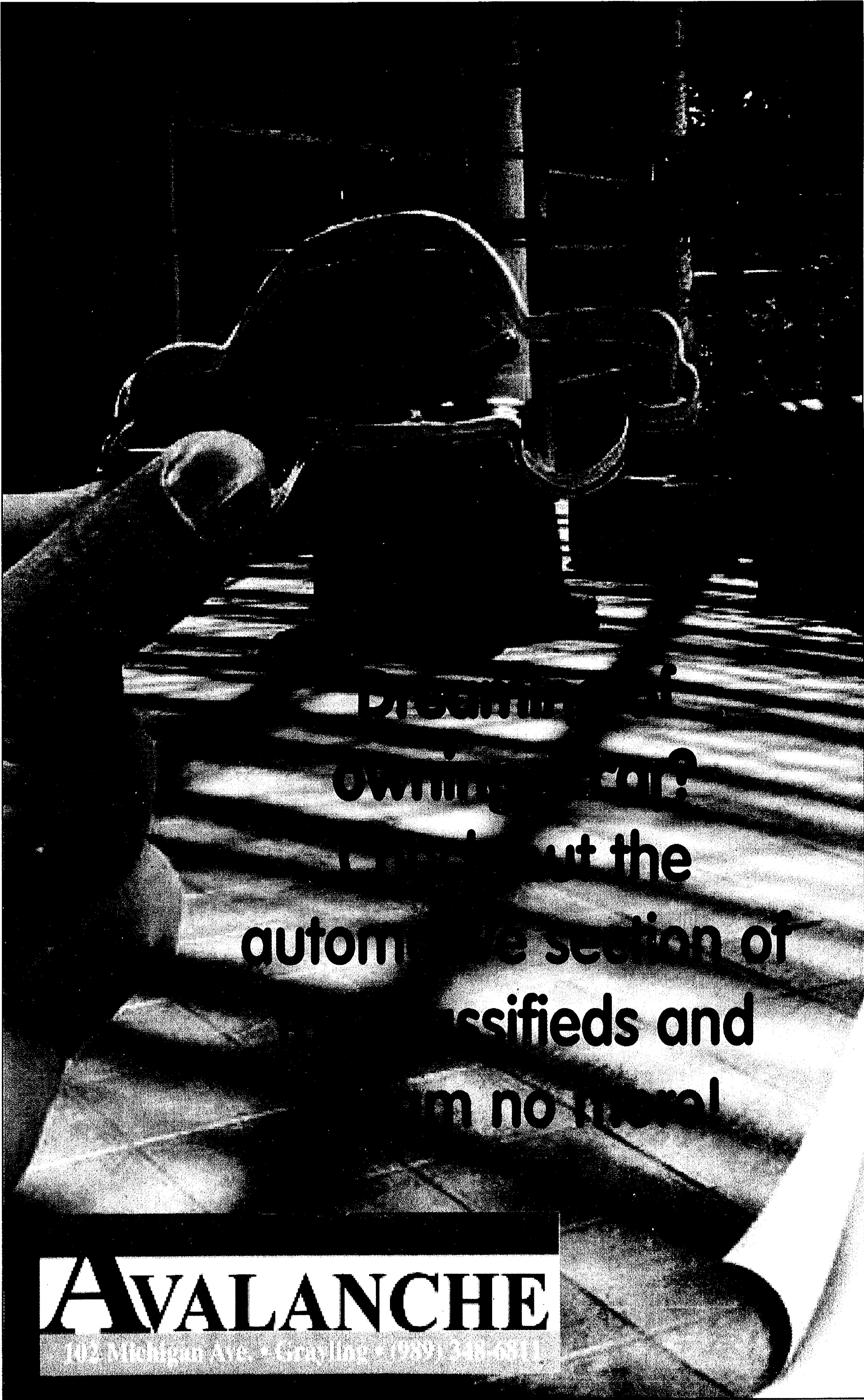
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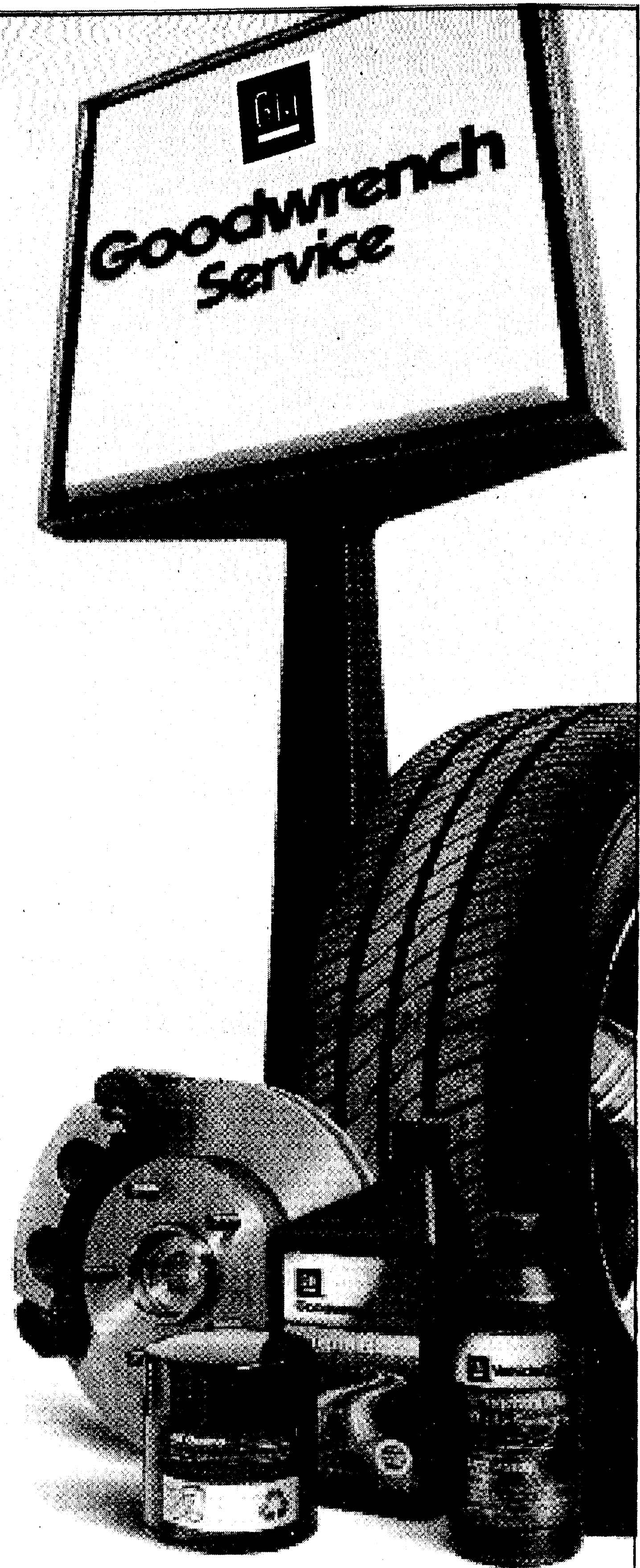
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## Grayling High School softball team gets ready for opening day

Due to low player numbers, program will not have a JV squad this year

■ Keri Brock is new coach of the varsity team; 1st game is April 12

by Caleb Casey  
Senior Staff Writer

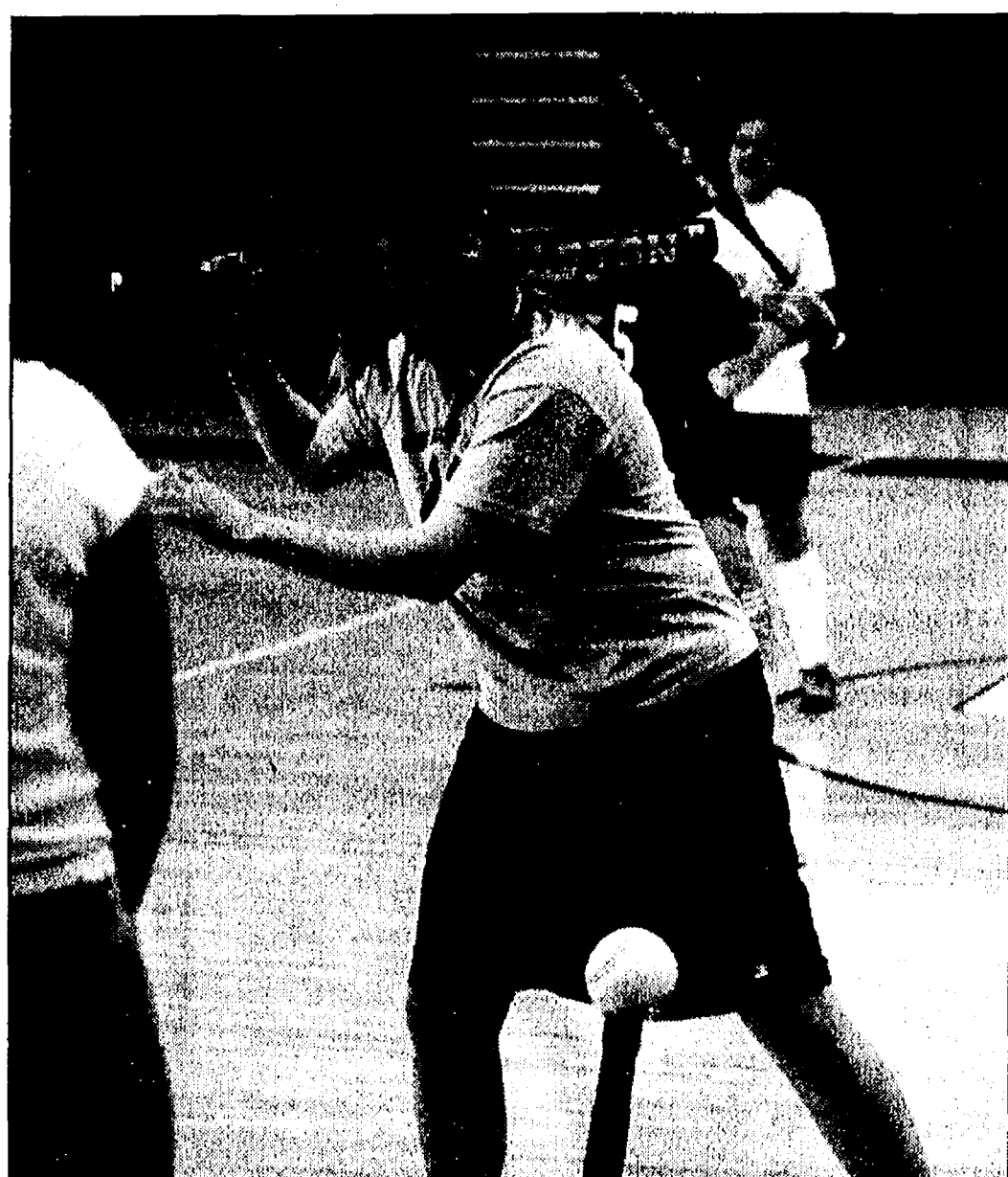
The Grayling High School varsity softball team began its 2005 season with try-outs on March 14 and got in three weeks of indoor practice prior to spring break, which began on April 1. The team's first game – a doubleheader at Traverse City Central – is scheduled for 4 p.m. on Tuesday, April 12 (the day school resumes following spring break).

This year's GHS softball program will not have a junior varsity team due to low player numbers.

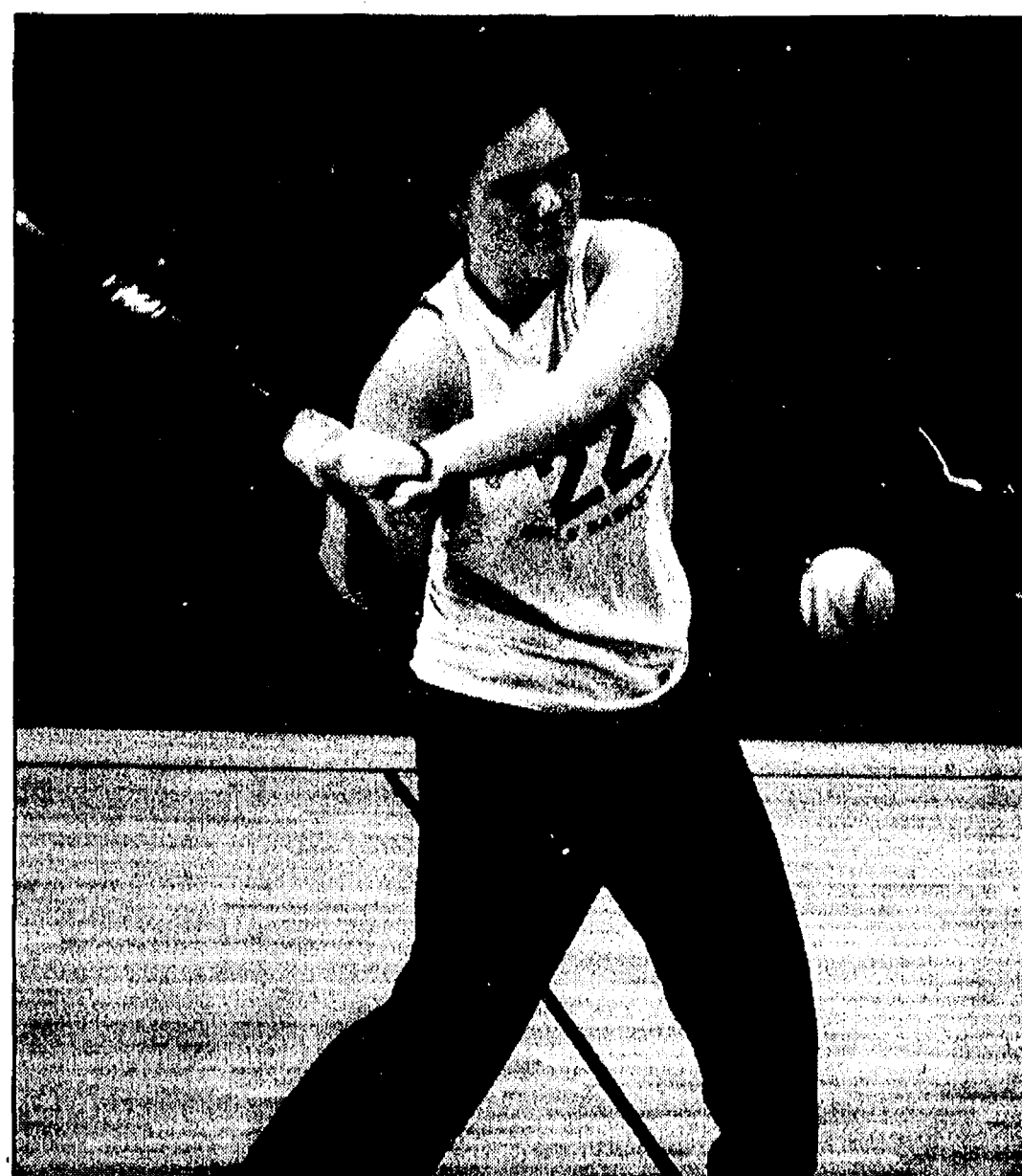
Keri Brock, the new head coach of the GHS softball program, said 20 girls initially participated in try-outs. A few were cut and a few quit, leaving the varsity squad with 14 players – four seniors, four juniors, 1 sophomore, and five freshmen.

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Audrey Alimenti, a freshman, hits off a tee during a varsity softball practice last Monday.

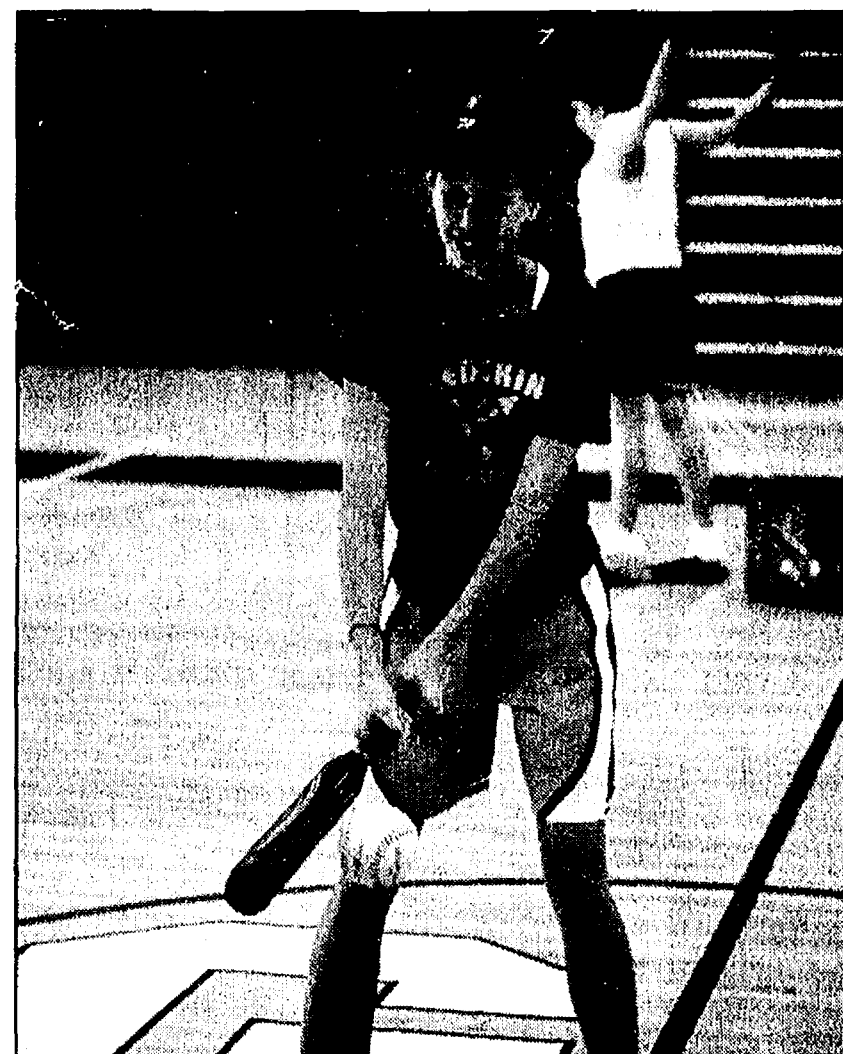


Sophomore Ashley Bindschatel swings at a ball during batting practice last week.

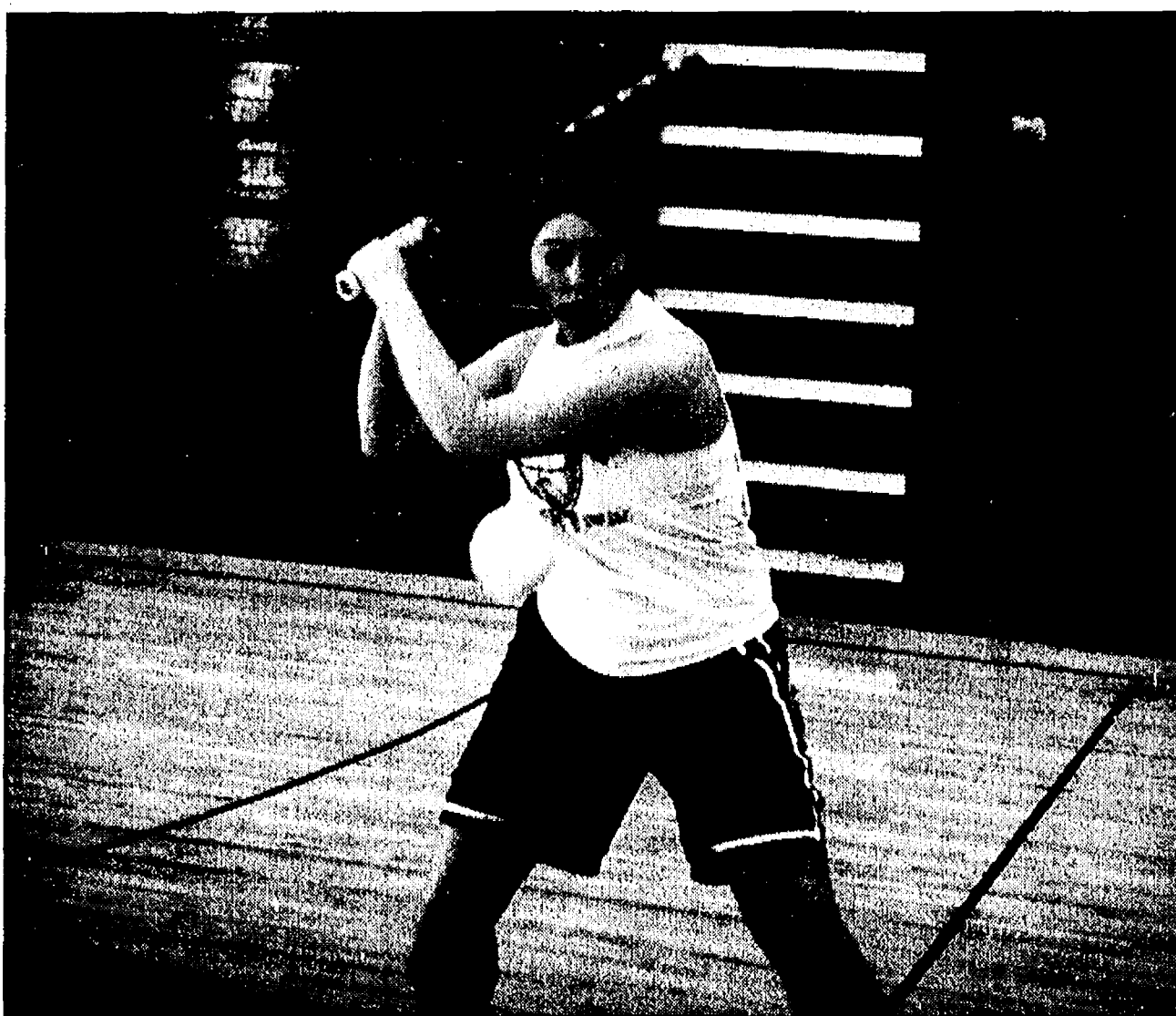


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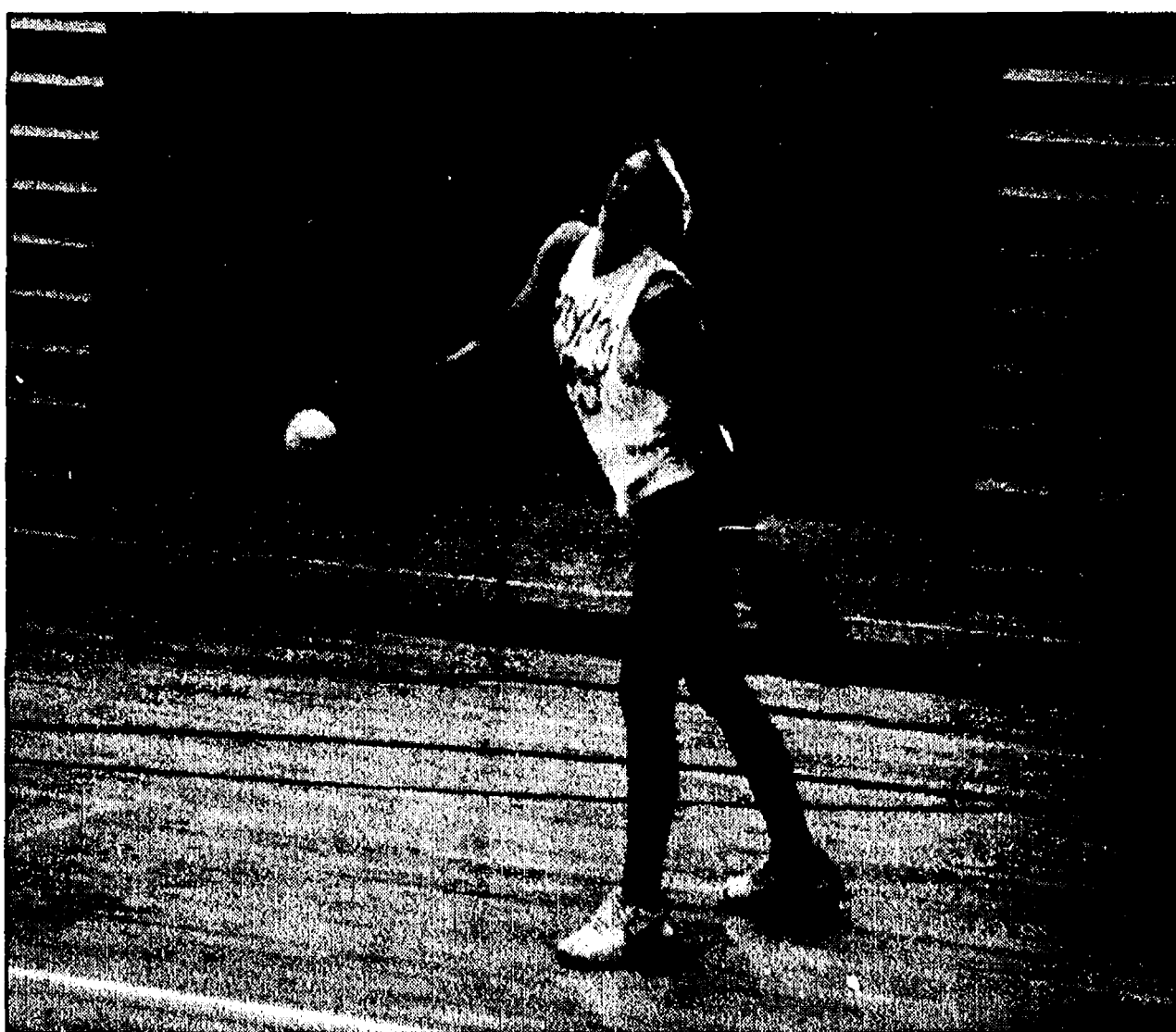
Jessica Henderson (left) and Angeanette Lovely (right) work with the hit stick at practice on Monday, March 28.



Gabby Calkins, a freshman, gets set to hit off the tee at a recent practice.



Andrea Southard, a junior, eyes a pitch at practice last week.



Chelsea Wolcott throws a pitch at last Monday's practice.



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Catcher Jessica Henderson throws the ball back to the pitcher at last Monday's practice.



Gabby Calkins hits batting practice on Monday, March 28.

## GHS softball team gets ready for opening day

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"The hardest part is we're so young," Coach Brock said. "I can't take for granted that they know things. The older girls we do have have done a good job of stepping up and leading by example."

The team includes seniors Heather Metzger (3B), Kelly Dunkley (1B), Angeanette Lovely (CF), and Ashley Prosser, juniors Katie Baynham (SS), Chelsea Wolcott (P), Jessica Henderson (C), and Andrea Southard (LF), sophomore Ashley Bindschattel (2B), and freshmen Megan Etzler, Gabby Calkins, Rachel Ward, Monica Peters, and Audrey Alimenti

(RF).

"Right now, compared to fall and winter, spring sports are not a big deal. We need to change the mindset," Coach Brock said. "Spring sports are a big deal. That's the hardest thing. (The program) has never had cuts.

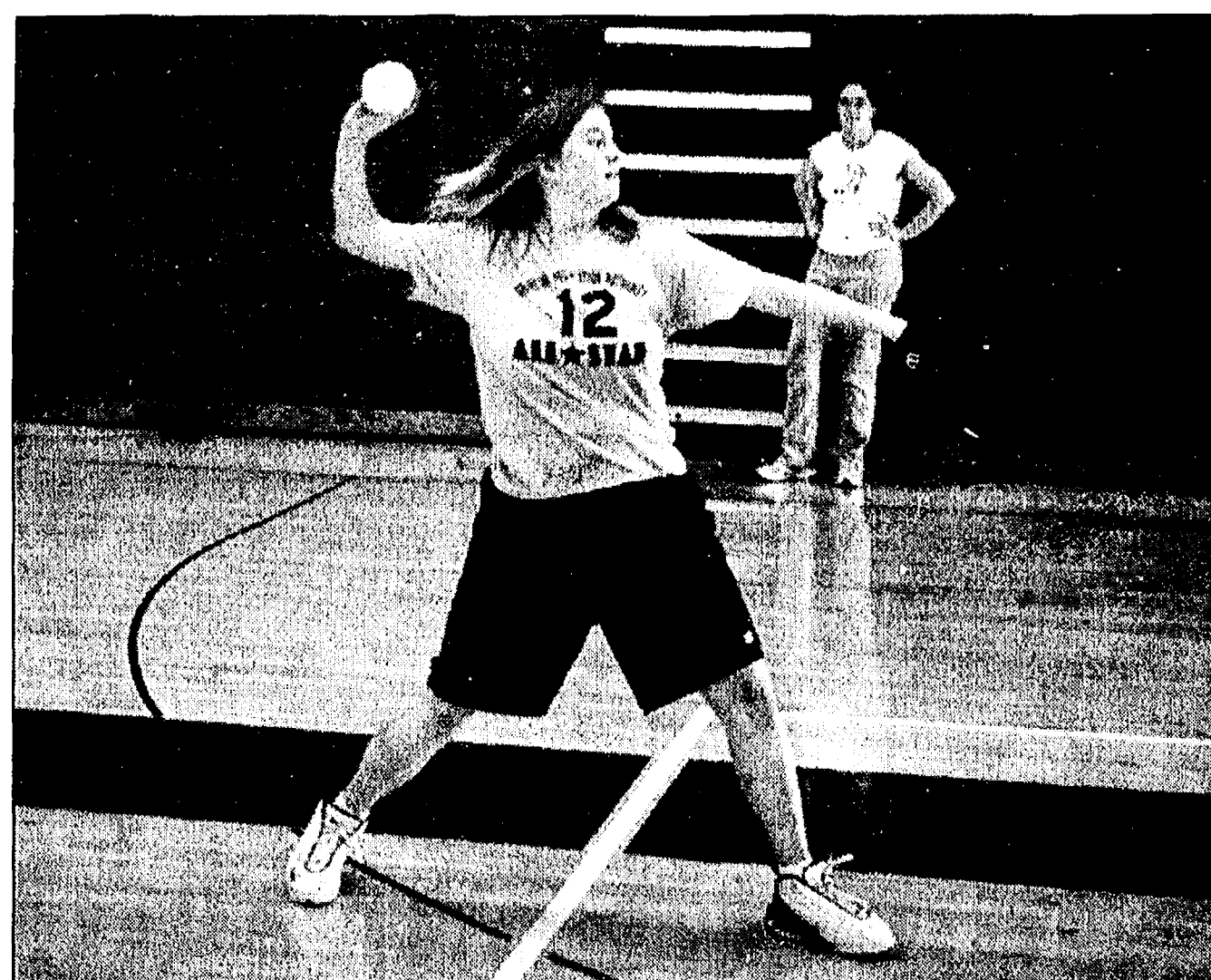
With no JV team, hopefully we can build enthusiasm for the sport, because they want to win. They're excited and they want to win."

"One of our many goals is to come together as a team, we have so many age groups," Coach

Brock said. "They want to go .500 in the league."

Brock coached junior varsity softball at Houghton Lake High School last year.

The team's 2005 home opener is scheduled for Monday, April 18, at 4 p.m.



Photos by Caleb Casey

Audrey Alimenti throws during practice on Monday.

## KIRTLAND GOLF

Kirtland Community College's 2005 spring golf schedule begins soon. Kirtland is a member of the Michigan Community College Athletic Association (MCCAA) Eastern Conference, as well as the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA), playing Division II golf in Region XII.

Kirtland's head golf coach in 2005 is first-year coach Ken McClusky.

The 2005 roster includes two players from Grayling — Rob Bonkoski, a freshman, and Kyle Roman, a sophomore — and Jordan Peak, a freshman from Alma, Will Smith, a freshman from Silver Valley,

California, and Paul Warren, a freshman from Roscommon.

Kirtland Community College's 2005 spring golf schedule (date, host, location, time):

**April 11** Mott CC Invitational @ Flint Elks Club (Burton) 10:30 a.m.

**April 17** MCCAA Eastern Conference, First Round Schoolcraft CC @ Bedford Valley GC (Battle Creek) 1 p.m.

**April 22** Oakland CC Invitational @ Pontiac Country Club (Waterford) 9 a.m.

**April 25** MCCAA Eastern Conference, Second Round Henry Ford CC @ Dearborn Country Club (Dearborn) 10 a.m.

**April 29** Kirtland CC Invite @ The Quest (Houghton Lake) 11 a.m.

**May 3** MCCAA Championships Coaches' meeting @ Crystal Mountain 8 a.m. Practice Round (Thompsonville) 1-3:51 p.m.

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Grayling High School's six scholar-athlete award winners from the ski team, with Coach Mike Wieland (center): (left to right) Kassie McClain, James Jansen, Mallory Olson, Chuck Hughes, Cassie Pizzi, Gabby Calkins.

## Ski team finishes season with awards banquet at Skyline

### ■ Vikings end year by passing out team, league, state honors

The Grayling High School ski team recently wrapped up its 2005 season with an end-of-the-season awards banquet. The Vikings held their banquet at Skyline Ski Area this year as guests of chef Bob Gilbert and owner Jerry Balmes.

"I asked Bob about a banquet dinner and was very surprised when he said he would do it at the ski area and that he would provide us with pizza, chicken wings, salad, drinks, and

dessert. I was even more surprised when he said they were closed for maintenance work and we would have the dining room all to ourselves," Coach Mike Wieland said.

After dinner, awards for the boys and girls ski teams were announced. All team members received plaques for rankings in the state's top 10, both scholastically and athletically.

Letters, inserts, certificates, and special awards were handed out with league, regional, and state award recipients being honored.

Team awards started with the medals for most consistent racers (most often individual

scores were used in team scores throughout the season): girls team - Kassie McClain, 3rd; Erica Moggo, 2nd; Mallory Olson, 1st (95%); boys team - Adam Gilbert, 3rd; Trevor Clough and Pat McNally, 2nd (tie); Jim Jansen, 1st (90%). Team victory medals were passed out to Cassie Pizzi, Olson, and Katie Baynham. Baynham led the girls team with 10 team victories in 20 races. For the boys, Jansen, McNally, and Clough won team victory medals. Clough led the Vikings with 11 team wins in 22 races.

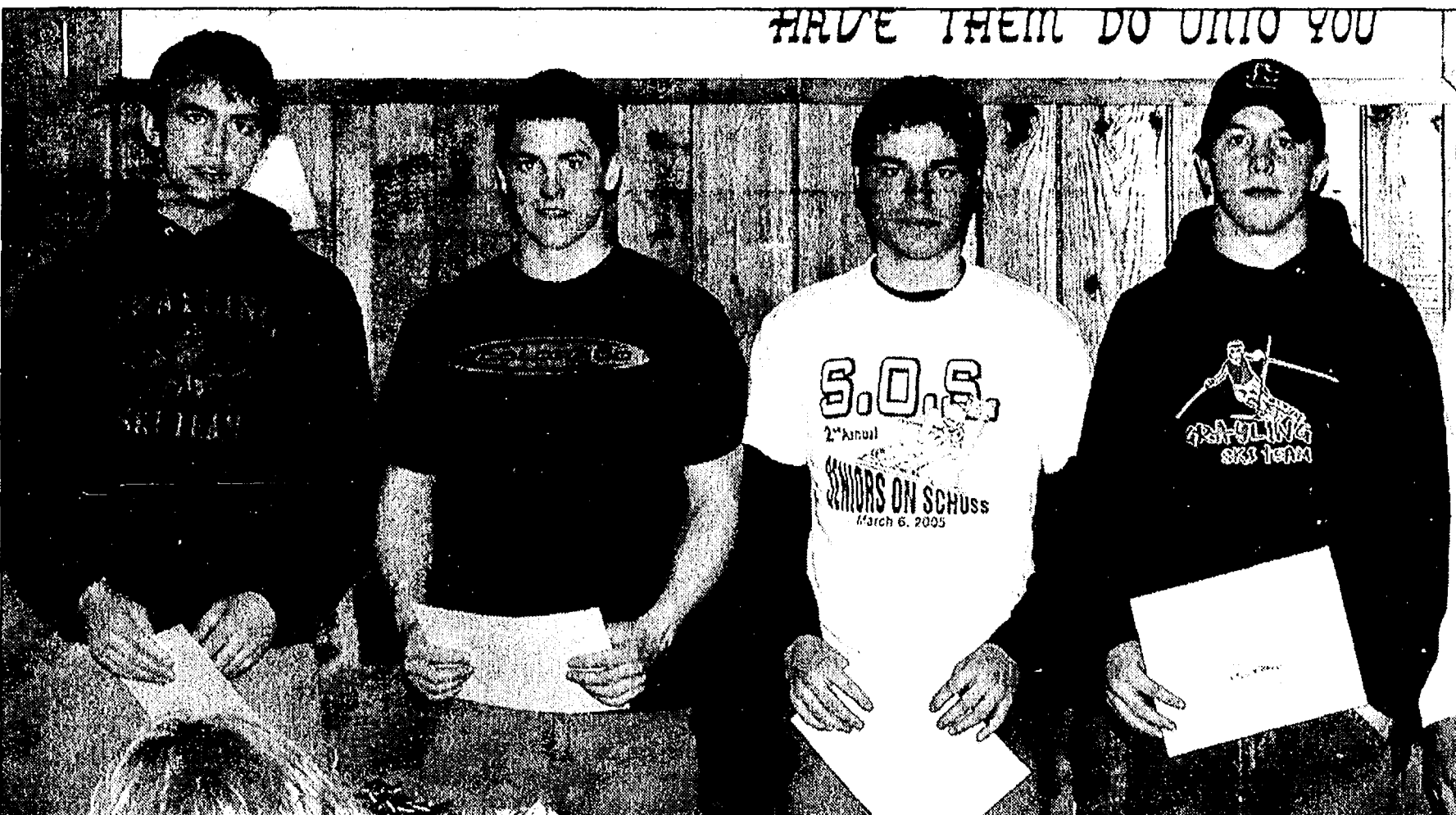
Most valuable skier medals were awarded to Olson and Clough.

All-league certificates were given to Clough, Jansen, McNally, and Olson. All-regional team certificates were passed out to Baynham, Clough, Jansen, Gilbert, and McNally.

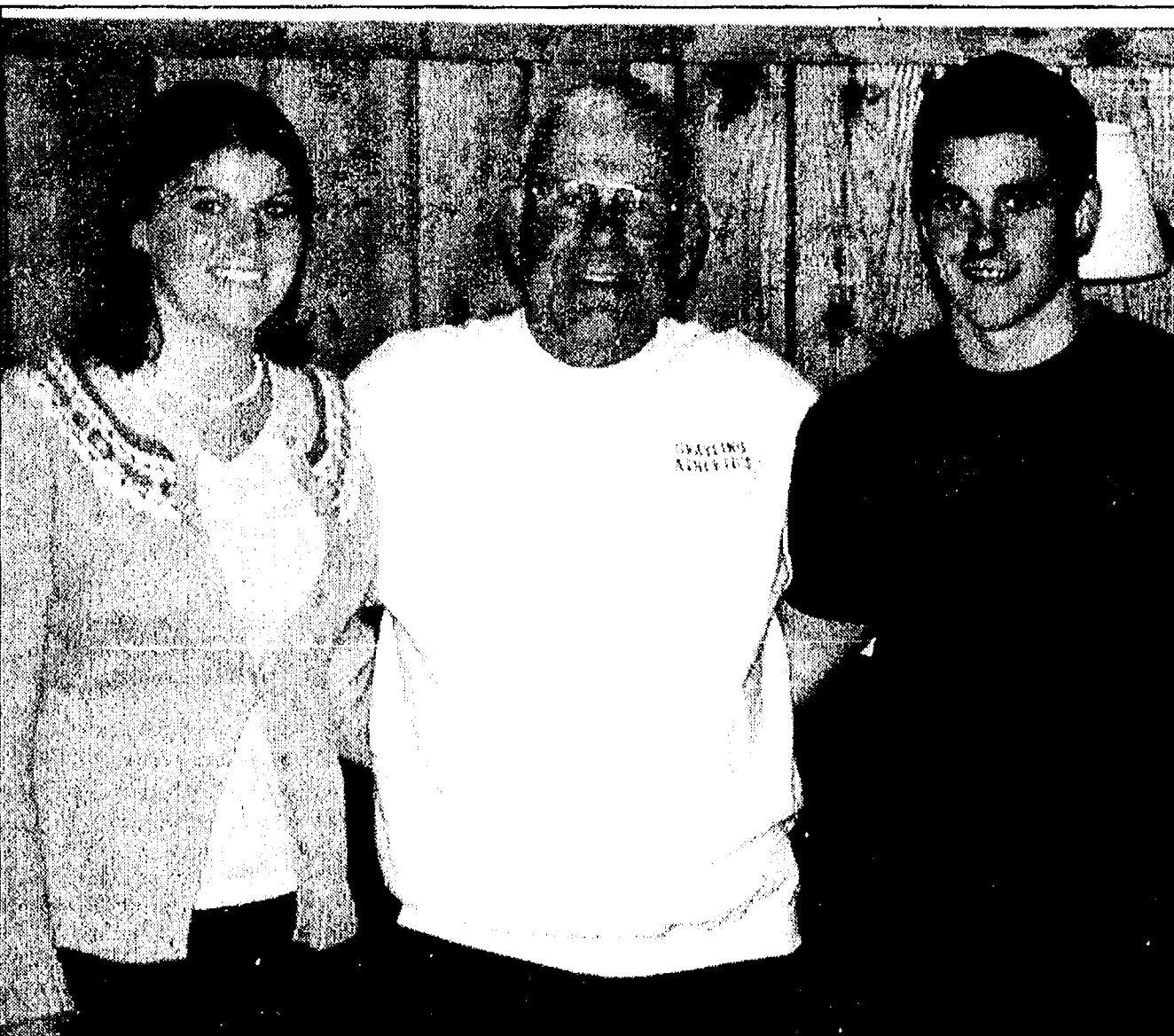
All-state awards went to Clough, Jansen, Gilbert, and McNally.

"It was a great banquet," Coach Wieland said.

Coach Wieland and his wife Beth expressed appreciation to all the parents and supporters of the ski program over the course of the 40 years the Wielands have been involved with it. The Wielands are retiring from the GHS ski program this year.



Four GHS boys ski team members earned all-state honors this year: (left to right) Patrick McNally, Trevor Clough, James Jansen, Adam Gilbert.



Team MVPs this year were Mallory Olson (left) and Trevor Clough (right), pictured with Coach Mike Wieland.

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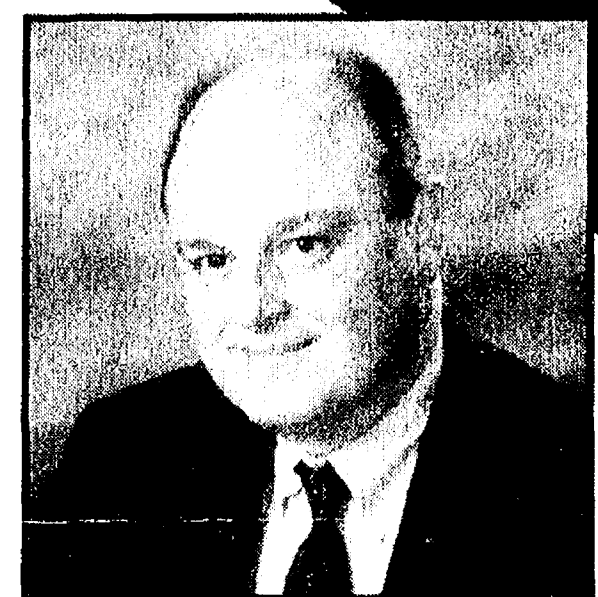
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## DNR, Agriculture share game breeding duties for now

by Chad Dally  
Capital News Service

LANSING — Problems throughout Michigan's deer and elk farming industry revealed in a recent Department of Natural Resources (DNR) audit have fueled concerns over how to protect the state from chronic-wasting disease. The audit also reopened a disagreement over whether the DNR or the Department of Agriculture is better suited to regulate the industry.

"I think people have more respect for the DNR, and the Agriculture Department ran our farms like they run pigs and cattle," said Cherie Grubowski, owner of the 2-acre Almost Paradise Whitetail Deer Sanctuary in Yale. "They were like cows cooking in the field without any shelter."

Alex Draper of the Michigan Deer and Elk Farmers Association said the audit is just a snapshot of the industry and said DNR's long-term management deserves more attention.

"This industry's been under the DNR for 25 or 30 years, and it's been in shambles compared to where it's at lately," he said. "If the state hadn't switched over authority in 2000, who knows where we'd be?" Five years ago,

oversight responsibilities moved from the DNR to Agriculture.

The DNR audit of Michigan's cervid industry — which covers game such as white-tailed deer, elk and reindeer — included 584 of the 740 farms statewide. Thirty-seven percent failed to comply with regulations on fencing, testing of dead animals and reporting escaped animals.

Compliance is now up around 95 percent, but more than 15 farms are still working with separate DNR field offices to address major renovations, according to Alan Marble of the department's law enforcement division. He declined to comment on whether the farms are in danger of being shut down.

Michigan's deer and elk farms house more than 32,000 white-tailed deer, 600 red deer and more than 4,000 elk. Fees for a three-year permit vary: \$45 for a hobby farm; \$75 for exhibition; \$500 for ranches that provide hunting; and \$150 for full registration farms that offer breeding stock, hunting stock and other animals.

Farms are inspected when the license expires.

Auditors inspected all ranches and full-registration operations and a sample of hobby and exhibi-

tion farms for flaws or weaknesses that could lead to the introduction of chronic-wasting disease — a fatal neurological disease similar to bovine tuberculosis that degenerates the brain, damages the nervous system and causes loss of weight and bodily functions.

Inspectors spotted a number of problems that could leave the door open for the disease in Michigan. For example, of the 464 escapes reported to auditors, only eight escapes were reported to Agriculture over the past four years. Moritz said that reporting escapes has been required only the past two years.

The industry also lacks a uniform policy for identifying captive deer and elk, the audit said, and the process for decommissioning farms is inefficient. Inspectors even found abandoned farms, but the state has no policy for dealing with them and no sure way to track animals that might have escaped.

Citing low and bent fencing that could allow escapes, the audit said the state and farmers are not doing enough to minimize the danger of free-range animals infecting captive deer and elk — or vice-versa.

And despite mandatory state-paid testing for chronic-wasting

disease on all cervids over 16 months old, about 90 percent of them weren't tested.

Under the legislatively mandated switch in 2000, a third of the farms came under Agriculture's control each year as licenses expired. However, in 2003, Gov. Jennifer Granholm returned control to DNR.

Interest groups, including the Michigan Farm Bureau and Michigan United Conservation Clubs, differ on which department should have authority. But officials from both departments say they have worked together in the past and will continue to collaborate because neither has the funding to monitor the industry on its own.

For example, Agriculture tested captive deer for bovine tuberculosis during the DNR's reign, and DNR has maintained oversight of enclosures while dealing with disease transmission and other biosecurity issues in free-ranging deer.

"We've had joint authority over all phases of this industry, but the key to successful enforcement of these requirements is dependant on funding, regardless of where it's at," said William Moritz, chief of the DNR's wildlife division.

Rep. Joe Hune, R-Hamburg

Township, plans to introduce legislation bringing oversight back to Agriculture, but funding remains a question. Hune did not return calls for comment.

But Dominic Perrone, public information officer at Agriculture, said it's not feasible for his department to assume authority. "We have no resources to assume this program, nor do we have the staff expertise to effectively manage it," he said.

The joint management approach is fine with Rick Bearss, owner of the 40-acre Bearss Den Deer Farm in Cadillac. But he said more should be done to raise awareness among farmers looking to raise their own deer or elk.

"I've discussed with other farmers the idea of putting together information in some type of brochure for new farmers because I didn't have a clue when I put up my fences," he said. "We don't need to make it harder, but we just need to let people know what they're getting into with a farm like this."

Moritz said the DNR is developing such material. "We need to work with the industry to clarify the standards because I'm not sure that everybody is aware of the operational requirements," he said.

## BOWLING LEAGUE

| Pioneer League                                                       |             |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| McDonald's                                                           | 43 - 13     |
| Grayling Chiro                                                       | 31.5 - 24.5 |
| AJD                                                                  | 30 - 26     |
| Chemical Bank                                                        | 30 - 26     |
| Grayling Restaurant                                                  | 28.5 - 27.5 |
| Custom Interior                                                      | 28 - 28     |
| South Side River Rats                                                | 18 - 38     |
| Rochette's                                                           | 15 - 41     |
| High Series: M. Rock, 533; S. Johnson, 529; T. Rock, 505.            |             |
| High Game: M. Rock, 218; H. Stairs, 202; S. Johnson, 193.            |             |
| Senior Bowling                                                       |             |
| Flowers By Josie                                                     | 71 - 45     |
| Grayling Pharmacy                                                    | 71 - 45     |
| Stitches By Sue                                                      | 68 - 48     |
| Kicking Grass                                                        | 63 - 53     |
| Bear's Den Pizza                                                     | 50.5 - 65.5 |
| Sylvester's Sports                                                   | 49.5 - 66.5 |
| Spike's Keg O' Nails                                                 | 47 - 69     |
| Lone Pine Restaurant                                                 | 44 - 72     |
| High Series Men: L. Crampton, 538; K. Louchart, 526; K. Harris, 521. |             |
| High Game Men: O. Brantley, 219; L. Crampton, 205; K.                |             |

| Harris, 198.                                                     |  |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|--|
| High Series Women: P. Harris, 469; M. Rysoo, 446; C. Clark, 411. |  |
| High Game Women: M. Rysoo, 189; P. Harris, 177; C. Clark, 153.   |  |

| Friday Mixed Doubles                                                  |             |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Moshier Auto Repair                                                   | 37 - 19     |
| American Legion                                                       | 35 - 21     |
| IMM                                                                   | 33.5 - 22.5 |
| Lucky & Laura                                                         | 28 - 28     |
| Double Trouble                                                        | 23 - 33     |
| 4.F.I.                                                                | 11.5 - 44.5 |
| High Series Men: R. Trudeau, 646; M. Horton, 598; R. Moshier, 568.    |             |
| High Game Men: R. Trudeau, 255; M. Horton, 236; R. Moshier, 220.      |             |
| High Series Women: K. Moshier, 493; P. Benardo, 455; M. Moshier, 452. |             |
| High Game Women: K. Moshier, 202; P. Benardo, 174; S. Johnson, 162.   |             |

| American Men's League                                      |         |
|------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| Gray-Rock Cafe                                             | 25 - 10 |
| McLeans ACE                                                | 20 - 15 |
| Fenton's Auto Serv.                                        | 19 - 16 |
| A.E.L.                                                     | 17 - 18 |
| Canfield's Snowplowing                                     | 17 - 18 |
| Moore's Automotive                                         | 16 - 19 |
| Scheer Motors                                              | 15 - 20 |
| GADCO                                                      | 11 - 24 |
| High Series: R. Pyle, 596; L. Davis, 546; C. Golnick, 526. |         |
| High Game: R. Pyle, 226; C. Golnick and J. Robideau, 205.  |         |

| National First                                               |         |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| Faustman's Insurance                                         | 61 - 37 |
| Ole Barn                                                     | 58 - 40 |
| Denholm Chiropractic                                         | 56 - 42 |
| Legion Lanes                                                 | 50 - 48 |
| Corky's Karaoke                                              | 48 - 50 |
| E-Z Built Homes                                              | 45 - 53 |
| Hart Pontiac-GMC                                             | 38 - 60 |
| Sawmill                                                      | 36 - 62 |
| High Series: C. Hanson, 636; D. Canfield, 621; D. Lawe, 613. |         |
| High Game: D. Canfield and D. Lawe, 224; C. Hanson, 214.     |         |

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## LEGAL ACTION

### STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

File No. 05-6969-DE  
Estate of Beth Ann Seator, a/k/a  
Beth A. Seator, deceased  
Date of birth: 09-24-1927  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS:  
The decedent, Beth Ann Seator, who lived at 4728 Gierke Road, Grayling, Michigan died 02-04-2005.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Jan M. Gill, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 200 W. Michigan Ave., Grayling, MI 49738 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: 05-30-05  
James T. Stein P20947  
117 South University  
Mt. Pleasant MI 48858  
989-772-4894

Jan M. Gill  
585 South University  
Mt. Pleasant MI 48858  
989-772-8121

### STATE OF MICHIGAN JUDICIAL DISTRICT FOR THE COUNTY OF CRAWFORD

200 WEST MICHIGAN AVENUE  
GRAYLING, MICHIGAN 49738  
CITY OF GRAYLING,  
a Michigan municipal corporation  
Plaintiffs,  
Case No. 04-6465 CH  
David R. Sablin P19822  
115 Michigan Avenue  
Grayling, MI 49738  
989/348-5588

POINTE NORTH OF GRAYLING  
MOTEL, ETAL

TO: NIKOLIN SCHLOTZ, ANNA

SCHLOTZ, CHARLES L. SMITH,  
MAUDE A. SMITH, HUGH W. RYAN  
AND LILLIAN E. RYAN,  
DEFENDANTS ADDED BY COURT  
ORDER DATED APRIL 21, 2005

#### IT IS ORDERED:

1. You are being sued by plaintiff in this court to QUIET TITLE TO REAL ESTATE. You must file your answer or take other action permitted by law in this court at the court address above on or before May 20, 2005. If you fail to do so, a default judgement may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint filed in this case.

3/22/05

Honorable Alton T. Davis  
**STATE OF MICHIGAN  
IN THE DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE COUNTY OF  
CRAWFORD**

CHEMICAL BANK WEST,  
Plaintiff,

Case No: 05-2847-GC-1

JORDAN HAF,  
Defendant,  
CAREY & JASKOWSKI, P.L.L.C.  
By: William L. Carey (P31602)  
Attorney for Plaintiff

2373 S. 1-75 Business Loop  
P.O. Drawer 665  
Grayling, MI 49738  
989-348-5232

#### EX PARTE ORDER OF PUBLICATION

As a session of said Court held in the City of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan this 10th day of March, 2005.

PRESENT: HONORABLE JOHN G. HUNTER  
District Court Judge

UPON A REVIEW of the pleadings filed in the instant case, and a review of the Motion for Alternate Service filed by Affiant herein, and the Court being otherwise fully advised in the premises:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that service in the instant matter may be accomplished pursuant to MCR.2106 (D)

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Plaintiff shall publish a copy of the instant order Crawford County Avalanche for a

period of three (3) consecutive weeks. Plaintiff, or his designated attorney, may accomplish the publication ordered above.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that Defendant Jordan Haf may have a period of twenty-eight (28) days from date of publication to file an answer to the instant complaint. In the event an answer is not filed within twenty-eight (28) days, then Plaintiff may seek a breach of contract judgment.

Dated: 3/10/05

Honorable Alton T. Davis  
Circuit Court Judge

TO THE DEFENDANT JORDAN HAF:

A. You are being sued within the District Court for the County of Crawford, State of Michigan;

B. The names of the parties are as follows: Plaintiff is Chemical Bank West and Defendant is Jordan Haf.

C. These proceedings are instituted for a judgment in favor of Plaintiff in the amount of \$4,807.15 plus interest, costs, and attorney fees.

D. That an answer needs to be filed/taken within 28 days at the Crawford County District Court, 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, Michigan 49738, or other action permitted by law or court rule must be taken.

E. That failure to answer or take other action will result in a default being filed against the Defendant, Jordan Haf.

#### Foreclosure

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE: Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Gerald S. Hodder and Marcella L. Hodder, husband and wife, to America's MoneyLine Inc., mortgagee, dated November 8, 2002 and recorded November 26, 2002 in Liber 609, Page 296, Crawford County Records. Said mortgage is now held by Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas, a New York Banking Corporation, as Custodian by assignment dated November 8, 2002 and recorded on November 26, 2002 in Liber

609, Page 307, Crawford County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of One Hundred Sixty-Five Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty-Eight and 4/100 Dollars (\$165,958.43) including interest at the rate of 6.75% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the first floor of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on April 27, 2005. The premises are located in the Township of Maple Forest, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: And known as being the West 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 27, Town 28 North, Range 3 West, the Township of Maple Forest, Crawford County, Michigan. Be the same more or less, but subject to all legal highways. The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale in the event a 3rd party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower. In that event, you, damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale. Dated: March 24, 2005 ORLAND ASSOCIATES PC Attorney for Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas, a New York Banking Corporation, as Custodian, As Assignee P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48067-5041 (248) 457-1000 File No. 244.1309 ASAF 638706 3/24, 3/31, 4/7, 4/14

#### Mortgage

#### Foreclosure

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

ATTENTION PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, will be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE: Default has

been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Dale A. Larm and Doria L. Larm, husband and wife, and Richard A. Benfield, a single man, original mortgagors sale, to Duane C. LaMotte and Brenda L. LaMotte, husband and wife, mortgagee, dated April 21, 2003 and recorded April 23, 2003 in Liber 629, Pages 630-632, and assigned by such mortgagee to David I. Netters and Valerie A. Netters, husband and wife, by Assignment recorded on September 21, 2004 in Liber 671, Page 597, Crawford County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of \$43,450.24, including interest at the rate of 11 percent per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and applicable statutes in the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, at public venue, inside the main lobby of the Courthouse in Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, at 10 a.m. on May 4, 2005.

The premises are located in Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 44 and 45, Shangri-La Subdivision, according to the plat recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Pages 3 and 4, Crawford County Records. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Date: March 23, 2005  
Mark R. Maddox P25385  
Attorney for mortgagee David I. Netters and Valerie A. Netters  
5820 Eastman Avenue  
Midland MI 48640  
989/839-9909

#### Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE  
THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE: Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Daniel B. Gallagher, a single man, original mortgagor(s), to Paramount Bank, Mortgagee, dated July 13, 2001, and recorded on July 17, 2001 in Liber 542 on Page 49, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Countrywide Home Loans, Inc. as assignee by assignment, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Thirty-Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty And 87/100 Dollars (\$37,860.87), including interest at 9.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on April 27, 2005.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 3, Block 17, of Roffee's Addition to the Village (now city) of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 11, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: March 24, 2005  
For more information, please call:  
FC X 248.593.1302  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys For Countrywide Home Loans, Inc.  
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200  
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822  
File #0515571-01







McLean's Ace Hardware

Moore's Automotive

Grayling Auto Repair

Scheer Motors

Wendy's

Sylvester's & Wimpy's

Heads Up North

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J.Dap Co.

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Goldwell Banker  
Cornell Realty

Grayling Restaurant

Ice House Quilt Shop

Grayling Car Care  
Mayday Window  
Grayling Manufactured Housing

Grayling Youth Booster Club

The Medicine Shoppe

Hart Pontiac GMC Buick

Jansen Insurance Agency

Bloomin' Grape

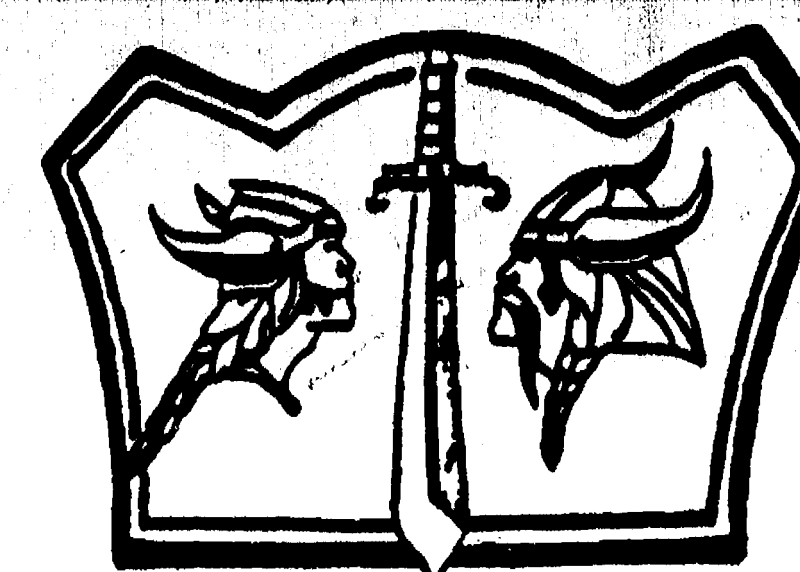
B.C. Pizza

JJ's Motor Mall



# 2005 SPRING SPORTS CALENDAR

## Grayling Schools Sports Schedules



Dynamic Physical Therapy  
Pat Cosgrove

Pizza Hut

AuSable Eye Care  
Dr. Dean O.D.  
Dr. Aubry O.D.

Westside Diner

A Cut Above

Kelloggs Bridge One Stop

USA Trailers

Riverland

Ole Dam Rd. Party Store

American Legion Lounge & Lanes

Ralph Oppermann D.D.S

Rochettes

Jack Millikin

Bloomquist & Associates PLLC

Grayling Holiday Inn

Showtyme Collision

Gray Rock Cafe

Comfort Center Furniture Store

Grayling Pharmacy

As Wee Grow Child Care Center

AuSable Construction

Upper Lakes Tire

Crawford County Avalanche

### Grayling Vikings JV Baseball

| Day       | Date           | Opponent                   | H/A | Event Time | Bus Time |
|-----------|----------------|----------------------------|-----|------------|----------|
| Tuesday   | April 12, 2005 | TC Central                 | H   | 4:00       |          |
| Monday    | April 18, 2005 | Roscommon                  | A   | 4:00       | 3:00     |
| Wednesday | April 20, 2005 | Johannesburg-Lewiston      | A   | 4:00       | 2:30     |
| Friday    | April 22, 2005 | Onaway                     | H   | 4:00       |          |
| Tuesday   | April 26, 2005 | Charlevoix                 | A   | 4:30       | 2:15     |
| Friday    | April 29, 2005 | Elk Rapids                 | H   | 4:30       |          |
| Tuesday   | May 3, 2005    | Kalkaska                   | A   | 4:30       | 3:15     |
| Friday    | May 6, 2005    | Boyer City                 | H   | 4:30       | TBA      |
| Saturday  | May 7, 2005    | Benzie Central Tournament  | A   | 4:30       | 2:45     |
| Tuesday   | May 10, 2005   | East Jordan                | A   | 4:30       |          |
| Friday    | May 13, 2005   | Harbor Springs             | H   | 4:30       |          |
| Tuesday   | May 17, 2005   | Cadillac                   | A   | 4:00       | 2:15     |
| Wednesday | May 18, 2005   | West Branch Ogemaw Heights | A   | 4:00       | 2:15     |
| Monday    | May 23, 2005   | T.C. St. Francis           | A   | 4:30       | 2:45     |

Dated: March 23, 2005

### Grayling Vikings Varsity Baseball



| Day       | Date           | Opponent                     | H/A | Event Time | Bus Time |
|-----------|----------------|------------------------------|-----|------------|----------|
| Tuesday   | April 12, 2005 | TC Central                   | H   | 4:00       | 2:00     |
| Thursday  | April 14, 2005 | Gaylord                      | A   | 4:15       | 3:00     |
| Monday    | April 18, 2005 | Roscommon                    | H   | 4:00       |          |
| Wednesday | April 20, 2005 | Houghton Lake                | H   | 4:00       |          |
| Monday    | April 25, 2005 | Charlevoix                   | H   | 4:00       | 2:45     |
| Thursday  | April 28, 2005 | Elk Rapids                   | A   | 4:30       | TBA      |
| Saturday  | April 30, 2005 | Standish Stepping Tournament | A   | 4:30       | TBA      |
| Monday    | May 2, 2005    | Kalkaska                     | H   | 4:30       | 2:45     |
| Thursday  | May 5, 2005    | Boyer City                   | A   | 4:30       | 2:45     |
| Saturday  | May 7, 2005    | Kingsley Invitational        | A   | 11:00      | TBA      |
| Monday    | May 9, 2005    | East Jordan                  | H   | 4:30       |          |
| Thursday  | May 12, 2005   | Harbor Springs               | A   | 4:30       | 2:00     |
| Monday    | May 16, 2005   | TC St. Francis               | H   | 4:30       |          |
| Wednesday | May 18, 2005   | West Branch Ogemaw Heights   | H   | 4:00       |          |
| Monday    | May 23, 2005   | Cadillac                     | H   | 4:00       |          |
| Saturday  | June 4, 2005   | Districts                    | H   | TBA        | TBA      |
| Saturday  | June 11, 2005  | Regionals                    | TBA | TBA        | TBA      |

Dated: March 8, 2005

### Grayling Vikings Girls Soccer

| Day       | Date                | Opponent                  | H/A | Event Time | Bus Time |
|-----------|---------------------|---------------------------|-----|------------|----------|
| Tuesday   | April 12, 2005      | Harbor Springs            | A   | 5:00       | 2:45     |
| Thursday  | April 14, 2005      | Traverse City St. Francis | A   | 5:00       | 3:15     |
| Friday    | April 15, 2005      | Roscommon                 | A   | 5:00       | 4:15     |
| Monday    | April 18, 2005      | Gaylord                   | A   | 5:00       | 4:00     |
| Thursday  | April 21, 2005      | Boyer City                | H   | 5:00       |          |
| Monday    | April 25, 2005      | Charlevoix                | A   | 5:00       | 3:00     |
| Thursday  | April 28, 2005      | East Jordan               | A   | 5:00       | 3:30     |
| Friday    | April 29, 2005      | Standish Stepping         | H   | 5:00       |          |
| Monday    | May 2, 2005         | Elk Rapids                | H   | 5:00       |          |
| Thursday  | May 5, 2005         | Harbor Springs            | H   | 5:00       |          |
| Friday    | May 6, 2005         | Gaylord                   | H   | 5:00       |          |
| Monday    | May 9, 2005         | Traverse City St. Francis | H   | 5:00       |          |
| Wednesday | May 11, 2005        | Roscommon                 | A   | 5:00       | 3:30     |
| Monday    | May 16, 2005        | Boyer City                | H   | 5:00       |          |
| Thursday  | May 19, 2005        | Charlevoix                | H   | 5:00       | 2:45     |
| Friday    | May 20, 2005        | Benzie Central            | A   | 5:00       |          |
| Monday    | May 23, 2005        | East Jordan               | H   | 5:00       |          |
| Friday    | May 27, 2004        | Elk Rapids                | A   | 5:00       | 3:30     |
| Tuesday   | May 31-June 4, 2005 | Districts                 | TBA | TBA        | TBA      |
| Tuesday   | June 7-11, 2005     | Regionals                 | TBA | TBA        | TBA      |

Revised: March 23, 2005

### Grayling Vikings Boys Tennis

| Day       | Date            | Opponent                  | H/A | Event Time | Bus Time |
|-----------|-----------------|---------------------------|-----|------------|----------|
| Monday    | April 18, 2005  | Charlevoix                | H   | 4:30       |          |
| Wednesday | April 20, 2005  | Elk Rapids                | H   | 4:30       |          |
| Monday    | April 25, 2005  | Boyer City                | H   | 4:30       |          |
| Wednesday | April 27, 2005  | Harbor Springs            | H   | 4:30       | 7:15     |
| Friday    | April 29, 2005  | Boyer Invitational        | A   | 9:00       | 2:30     |
| Monday    | May 2, 2005     | Charlevoix                | A   | 4:30       | 2:30     |
| Wednesday | May 4, 2005     | Traverse City St. Francis | A   | 4:00       | 2:30     |
| Friday    | May 6, 2005     | Alma                      | A   | 4:00       | 1:15     |
| Wednesday | May 11, 2005    | Elk Rapids                | A   | 4:30       | 2:45     |
| Friday    | May 13, 2005    | LMC Championship          | TBA | TBA        | TBA      |
| Monday    | May 16, 2005    | Harbor Springs            | A   | 4:30       | 2:15     |
| Thursday  | May 19-20, 2005 | Regionals                 | TBA | TBA        | TBA      |
| Saturday  | May 21, 2005    | JV Petoskey Tournament    | A   | TBA        | TBA      |

Dated: March 23, 2005

### Grayling Vikings Varsity Track

| Day       | Date           | Opponent                             | H/A | Event Time | Bus Time |
|-----------|----------------|--------------------------------------|-----|------------|----------|
| Thursday  | April 14, 2005 | Charlevoix/Kalkaska/TC St. Francis   | H   | 4:00       |          |
| Monday    | April 18, 2005 | Kalkaska/TC St. Francis/Elk Rapids   | A   | 4:00       | 2:45     |
| Monday    | April 25, 2005 | Charlevoix/Elk Rapids/Harbor Springs | A   | 4:00       | 2:00     |
| Friday    | April 29, 2005 | Harrison Relays                      | A   | 4:00       | 2:00     |
| Friday    | May 6, 2005    | Herald Times Relays                  | A   | 3:00       | 1:45     |
| Monday    | May 9, 2005    | Charlevoix/Elk Rapids/TC St. Francis | A   | 4:00       | 2:00     |
| Thursday  | May 12, 2005   | East Jordan Invitational             | A   | 3:00       | 1:15     |
| Tuesday   | May 17, 2005   | Petoskey Relays                      | A   | 4:00       | 1:45     |
| Fri./Sat. | May 20, 2005   | Regionals                            | A   | TBA        | TBA      |
| Wednesday | May 25, 2005   | LMC Championship                     | H   | 4:00       |          |
| Saturday  | June 4, 2005   | State Finals                         | A   | TBA        | TBA      |

Underline denotes site of away meet

Dated: March 8, 2005

### Grayling Vikings Varsity Softball



| Day       | Date           | Opponent                     | H/A | Event Time | Bus Time |
|-----------|----------------|------------------------------|-----|------------|----------|
| Tuesday   | April 12, 2005 | TC Central                   | H   | 4:00       | 2:00     |
| Thursday  | April 14, 2005 | Gaylord                      | A   | 4:15       | 3:00     |
| Monday    | April 18, 2005 | Roscommon                    | H   | 4:00       |          |
| Wednesday | April 20, 2005 | Houghton Lake                | H   | 4:00       |          |
| Monday    | April 25, 2005 | Charlevoix                   | H   | 4:00       | 2:45     |
| Thursday  | April 28, 2005 | Elk Rapids                   | A   | 4:30       | TBA      |
| Saturday  | April 30, 2005 | Standish Stepping Tournament | A   | 4:30       | TBA      |
| Monday    | May 2, 2005    | Kalkaska                     | H   | 4:30       | 2:45     |
| Thursday  | May 5, 2005    | Boyer City                   | A   | 4:30       | 2:45     |
| Saturday  | May 7, 2005    | St. Louis Invitational       | A   | 9:00       | TBA      |
| Monday    | May 9, 2005    | East Jordan                  | H   | 4:30       |          |
| Thursday  | May 12, 2005   | Harbor Springs               | A   | 4:30       | 2:00     |
| Monday    | May 16, 2005   | TC St. Francis               | H   | 4:30       |          |
| Wednesday | May 18, 2005   | West Branch Ogemaw Heights   | H   | 4:00       |          |
| Monday    | May 23, 2005   | Cadillac                     | H   | 4:00       |          |
| Saturday  | June 4, 2005   | Districts                    | H   | TBA        | TBA      |
| Saturday  | June 11, 2005  | Regionals                    | TBA | TBA        | TBA      |

Dated: March 23, 2005

### Grayling Vikings Girls Golf

| Day         | Date           | Opponent                                | H/A | Event Time | Bus Time |
|-------------|----------------|-----------------------------------------|-----|------------|----------|
| Thursday    | April 14, 2005 | Traverse City St. Francis               | H   | 5:00       |          |
| Tuesday     | April 19, 2005 | Petoskey                                | H   | 4:00       |          |
| Thursday    | April 21, 2005 | Roscommon                               | A   | 4:00       | 3:15     |
| Monday      | April 25, 2005 | Hillman Invitational (Thunder Bay)      | A   | 9:00       | 7:15     |
| Friday      | April 29, 2005 | Alma Invitational                       | A   | 10:00      | 7:45     |
| Monday      | May 2, 2005    | Roscommon                               | H   | 4:00       |          |
| Thursday    | May 5, 2005    | Petoskey Invitational (Boyer Highlands) | A   | 4:00       | 2:00     |
| Thursday    | May 5, 2005    | Petoskey/Cheboygan (Bay View)           | A   | 4:00       | 2:00     |
| Wednesday   | May 11, 2005   | TC Central (Elmbrook)                   | A   | 4:00       | 2:00     |
| Monday      | May 16, 2005   | Roscommon                               | A   | 4:00       | 3:15     |
| Thursday    | May 19-21      | Regionals                               | TBA | TBA        | TBA      |
| Friday/Sat. | June 3-4       | State Finals                            | TBA | TBA        | TBA      |

Underline denotes site of away meet

Dated: March 8, 2005

### Grayling Vikings Middle School Track

| Day       | Date           | Opponent                             | H/A | Event Time | Bus Time |
|-----------|----------------|--------------------------------------|-----|------------|----------|
| Wednesday | April 27, 2005 | Elk Rapids/Kalkaska/TC St. Elizabeth | H   | 4:00       |          |
| Friday    | April 29, 2005 | Houghton Lake Relays                 | A   | 4:00       | 2:45     |
| Tuesday   | May 3, 2005    | Roscommon/Farwell                    | A   | 4:00       | 3:15     |
| Thursday  | May 12, 2005   | Kalkaska/Elk Rapids/St. Elizabeth    | A   | 4:00       | 2:45     |
| Thursday  | May 19, 2005   | LMC Championship @ St. Elizabeth     | A   | 4:00       | 2:15     |
| Thursday  | May 21, 2005   | Gaylord                              | H   | 4:00       |          |

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DATED: March 23, 2005

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# Good Luck Vikings



# FEATURES

## A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

### 23 Years Ago April 8, 1982

After two years of easy winters, this year's cold temperatures and deep snows have taken a toll on the county's deer herd. Ray Perez, local DNR wildlife biologist said a good number of younger fawns have been lost. Six weeks of severe cold beginning at the end of December along with heavy snowfall made it rough on the young deer. Perez also said dogs have contributed in the killing of the deer.

The list of groups opposing a sewage facility proposed for Albert Township grows with the addition of the AuSable North Branch Area Association. The association went on record March 15 as unequivocally opposing the plans to build a drainfield on a five-acre site about 3 1/2 miles southwest of Lewiston.

### 46 Years Ago April 9, 1959

A new appointment to the Wood Staff is announced by Abitibi Corporation's Wood Manager, Jack Auden. Effective April 15th, Mr. Ralph E. Colberg, a native of Oscoda and a forestry graduate from Michigan College of Mining and Technology at Houghton, will be in charge of wood procurement and forestry work in a district centering on Lewiston, and comprising Otsego, Crawford, Montmorency, and Oscoda counties.

A group of concerned citizens have contacted the Crawford

County Board of Supervisors to see if action can not be taken to halt the dogs which yearly decimate the county's deer herd. Fred Bear, president of the Bear Archery Company of Grayling who is very concerned about the problem said in a letter to A. L. Roberts, Supervisor from the City of Grayling. "My thinking on the problem is based partly on sympathy for the deer the dogs kill and partly from a business point of view. Grayling has and is extending efforts to obtain new industry. The city and county have always depended a great deal on the tourist revenue. Almost everyone points to the desirability of having deer for the tourist to see. Following our extreme hard winter this year with the desperate period that we are now going through with the slaughter of deer by dogs there seems to be a question as to how many deer will be left not only for the tourist to see, but for hunters to hunt. With this in mind it would seem most imperative that some conclusion be reached whereby the city and county could come forth with a permanent plan for obtaining the services of a dog catcher this year and for years to come. This letter, I believe, rather completely expresses not only my thinking on the subject, but that of most citizens in our community."

There has been considerable curiosity about the objects in front of the Grayling Bottling

Company. In order to make their own CO2 gas (carbon dioxide), the company is in the process of installing two one-thousand-pound dry ice converters at the plant. These will enable the Grayling Bottling Company to convert their own gas from the dry ice, which will be hauled in from Grand Rapids in thousand-pound quantities.

### 69 Years Ago April 9, 1936

Fire believed to have been started from an overturned brooder lamp caused a fire at the Floyd Goshorn residence which completely destroyed an outbuilding in which three hundred baby chicks were housed. A building directly adjoining and used as a garage was also destroyed, but Mr. Goshorn was able to save the car. The fire had not been discovered until about five o'clock, when Mrs. Goshorn first noticed the flames as she was preparing breakfast. The building burned so rapidly that nothing else of value was saved and the chicks and various stored articles of furniture were also destroyed.

After a few days of decent weather, it turned cold last week Thursday and has been keeping it up ever since. Saturday morning thermometers at the fish hatchery registered two degrees below zero. The cold was accompanied by snow and it seemed to be sticking with us. In fact, we are in the midst of winter weather even though the date is April 8th. Dave LaMotte, one of our oldest settlers, says he never before knew winter to hang on so persistently.

### 92 Years Ago April 10, 1913

Miss Augusta Kraus is teaching school in the Log district, nine miles from here. The term started last Monday morning.

Howard Wheeler left Friday for Chicago where he is going to work with his uncle, William Ingley, a former resident here.

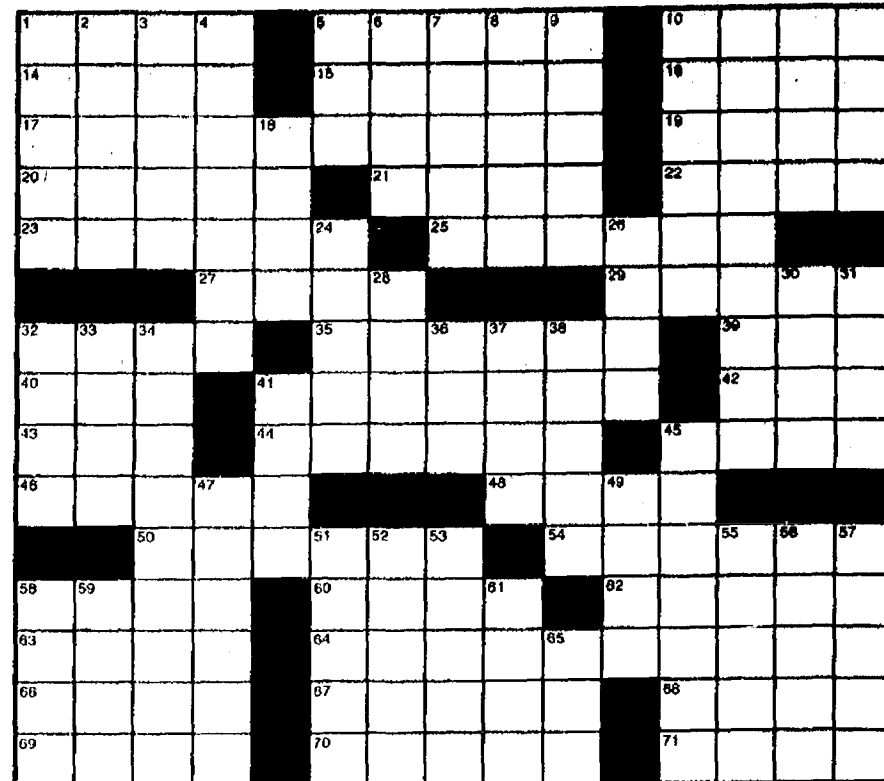
The following supervisors were elected to represent their respective townships at Monday's election: J. H. Collen, Grayling; Charles Craven, Frederic; Benjamin Sherman, Maple Forest; E. S. Houghton, Lovells; E. P. Richardson, South Branch; John Hanna, Beaver Creek. Other Grayling officers were: Emil Hanson, clerk; Holger Hanson, treasurer; Peter Aebli, Highway Commissioner; F. G. Walton, Justice of the Peace; Emil Kraus, Member of the Board of Review; Leonard Isenbauer, Overseer of Highways, District No. 1; Chris Hoesli, Overseer of Highways District No. 2; Constables: Louis J. Kraus, Charles Fehr, Henry Borchers and Philip Moshier.

A spark from a passing switch engine caused a fire near the big mill yesterday evening. The hydrant at that place was frozen so that the fire had to be extinguished with clubs.

Frederic has voted to have a new town hall.

George Gilbert, one of Otsego county's best farmers sold out at Waters three years ago, moved to Bay City, but not being satisfied purchased the Edmond Cobb farm in Maple Forest township. Otsego and Bay county's loss is Crawford county's gain.

## CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**
- Platform for public speaking.
  - Meat cubes cooked on a skewer.
  - Boys on the ...
  - Substance of the universe from which all else is derived.
  - Last letter in the Greek alphabet.
  - South American freshwater dolphin.
  - Dallas and Dynasty.
  - Band fronted by Jeff Whalen.
  - Stomach exercise.
  - Pure.
  - ... of the Wild.
  - Arched upper surface of the foot.
  - Flying ... 1995 Gong album.
  - ... Kent, Nurse Bigelow on M\*A\*S\*H.
  - Ardolino, Sister Act director.
  - 1980 Irene Cara flick.
  - Michael ... Jonathan in Highway to Heaven.
  - Small island in a river.
  - ... Gerishwin, U.S. lyricist.
  - Animated TV show.
  - 2,000 pounds.
  - Break a ...
  - Writer.
  - ... Sofer, Vicki on Just Shoot Me.
  - Monetary payment or tribute.
  - ... Tomatoes Vol. 1, 2002 Little Feat album.
  - Light, humorous movie.
  - New World coral snake.
  - Muse of history.
  - Type of Indonesian boat.
  - Marie ... Recasner, Millie on A Different World.
  - Jeri ... Bonnie on Boston Public.
  - Proudest.
  - Sea eagle.
  - Embryo sacs.
  - Lies.
  - Rider.
  - Starchy foodstuffs used to make puddings.
  - French river.
- DOWN**
- Ancient cloths.
  - Remove to a distance.
  - Pork, chicken and veal.
  - Person who has lost a limb.
  - Hill in South Africa.
  - Comedy starring Sherman Hemsley.
  - "Raspberry ..." Prince tune.
  - Variegated chalcidony.
  - Italian for "stop."
  - Situation comedy.
  - Dissatisfied.
  - "M" for Murder.
  - ... Hindman, Wilson on Home Improvement.
  - Range.
  - Rice cooked in meat broth.
  - Sean ... 2003 Oscar winner.
  - Move swiftly.
  - The ... King.
  - Active Sicilian volcano.
  - Movie.
  - Geographical region.
  - David Copperfield and Lance Burton.
  - Highest degree or power.
  - In Through the Out ... 1994 Led Zeppelin album.
  - Shabby; dingy.
  - Still.
  - Bites.
  - Tunes.
  - Plot of ground.
  - Hebrew units of dry measure.
  - Serious movie.
  - Dying ...
  - Square pillars.
  - Periodical number.
  - Prevent.
  - Summer, Freddie on A Different World.
  - Constellation with the star Vega.
  - Premium on money in exchange.
  - The Mirror ... Two Faces.

### ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS

### RECIPE OF THE WEEK



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### THREE BERRY FREEZER JAM

(6 oz.) bags frozen  
unsweetened strawberry,  
blueberry and blackberry  
fruit combination

1 1/2 cups sugar  
1 (1.59 oz.) pouch  
Fruit Jell

#### Freezer Jam Pectin

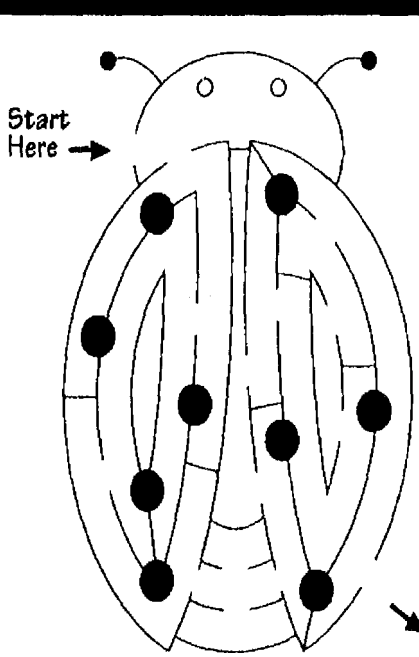
Defrost berry combination, allowing a few ice crystals to remain. Crush berries with a potato masher. Measure 4 cups crushed berries; set aside. Combine sugar and pectin in a medium bowl, stirring until evenly combined.

Add crushed berries. Continue stirring for 3 minutes. Ladle jam into Ball Freezer Jars, leaving 1/2-inch headspace. Adjust caps. Let jam stand at room temperature until thickened, about 30 minutes. Label jars and freeze. Yields about six 8-ounce jars.

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For more information on any of our pets that are up for adoption, please visit our website at: [www.asec.petfinder.com](http://www.asec.petfinder.com)

Animal Shelter has received a grant for low cost spaying and neutering. Anyone who can not afford to spay or neuter their pet is urged to call Dixie at 348-4117 or 348-9178.

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Between the Road Commission and the Eagles Hall  
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After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117

### WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

#### Last Week

| Date | H  | L  | Rain |
|------|----|----|------|
| 3/30 | 60 | 24 | 0    |
| 3/31 | 62 | 40 | .38  |
| 4/1  | 48 | 34 | .04  |
| 4/2  | 54 | 30 | 0    |
| 4/3  | 54 | 28 | 0    |
| 4/4  | 50 | 29 | 0    |
| 4/5  | 61 | 29 | 0    |

#### Extended Forecast

(Courtesy of the Weather.com)

| Thursday   | Friday        | Saturday      | Sunday       | Monday        | Tuesday    |
|------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|------------|
|            |               |               |              |               |            |
| High<br>53 | High<br>58    | High<br>59    | High<br>62   | High<br>64    | High<br>54 |
| Low<br>30  | Low<br>25     | Low<br>30     | Low<br>32    | Low<br>35     | Low<br>34  |
| Showers    | Partly Cloudy | Partly Cloudy | Mostly Sunny | Partly Cloudy | Light Rain |

## HOROSCOPES

For the Week of April 7, 2005



March 22 -  
April 19

You get caught in the crossfire between friends. It's up to you to be objective and play peacemaker. A business meeting goes awry, but thankfully, it's not a complete loss.



March 21 -  
April 19

A landslide of personal victories makes you ready to celebrate with family, food and friends. Facts regarding a situation at work come to light.



June 22 -  
July 22

Mayhem breaks out at home. Look within for answers. A friend gets embroiled in a legal battle. Be there for them.



September 23 -  
October 22

Fess up, Libra. You messed up and now it's time to make amends. Your proposal begins to gather steam at the office. Make sure you're ready to give a presentation.



July 20 -  
August 18

The pressure is on to finish a home improvement project. Gather your supplies, create a schedule and get busy. A film paves the way for introspection.



April 20 -  
May 20

Just how long, dear Taurus, do you think you can keep burning the candles at both ends? If you don't get some rest soon, you're going to start making mistakes.



July 23 -  
August 22

The plan you hatched some time ago backfires. Take cover and hope for the best. A financial matter is resolved. Go out to dinner to celebrate.



October 23 -  
November 21

All kidding aside, Scorpio. It's time you got down to business. A deadline is approaching and you're nowhere near completion. You may have to enlist some help.



November 19 -  
December 20

Frustrations give way to family drama. Don't get sucked in. A long-lost friend reconnects with you. Make plans to do something fun.



May 21 -  
June 21

An act of diplomacy puts you in hot water with a loved one. You're a stand-up person, but in this instance, it cost you. Apologize and vow to be more careful.



August 23 -  
September 22

You feel like a fish out of water at a party. Duck out gracefully and go home and curl up with a good book. Change is on the horizon—be prepared.



November 22 -  
December 21

A young friend makes an unwise decision. Cast judgment aside and let them learn their lesson the hard way. Travel is on the agenda.



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### 1. Real Estate

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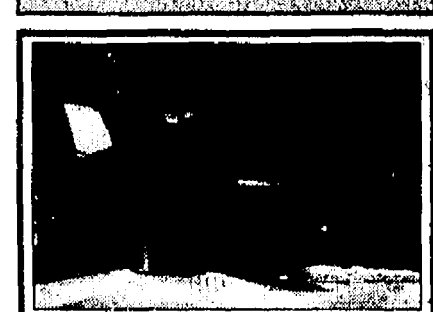
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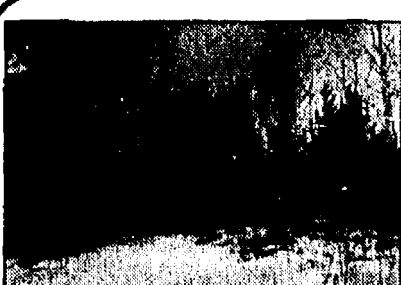
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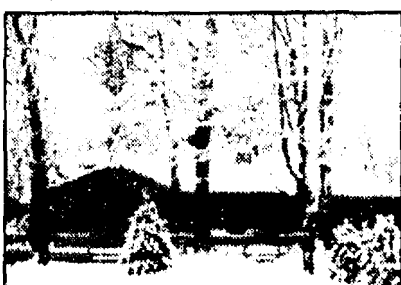
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Dan is also involved in the community in many ways. He is the chair for the Zoning Board of Appeals, Property Tax Board of Review, and vice chair of the Planning Commission for the City of Grayling. He is also heavily involved in many youth activities such as helping coach Little League Baseball, T-ball, and as a level 2 N.A.A. instructor teaching archery. Dan is also the President of Bear's Bowman Archery Club.

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**LAKE MARGRETHE ACCESS** 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, attached garage plus nice storage building. Some appliances, no pets, one year lease. \$650 per month plus \$650 deposit. 989-390-0792 (-24-31-7-14-21/2)

### 1. Real Estate

**THE BROOK RETIREMENT COMMUNITY**. Offering independent and assisted living apartments for seniors. Locations in Roscommon, West Branch and sooth in Houghton Lake and Gladwin. 989-275-4000 (-31-7/2)

**VIKING VILLAGE APARTMENTS** are now taking applications for upcoming availability. Very nice two bedroom, two bath apartments approximately one mile west of Grayling off M-72. Units include central air conditioning, attached garage, paved lighted streets and driveways, stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, washer and dryer. Lawn care, snow removal, and garbage pick-up included in annual lease. Contact Herb Olson, at 989-348-9456, for more information. (4/7/05)(f/2)

**FIND THAT VACATION CABIN OR HOME** in the Avalanche For Rent Classifieds 102 Michigan Avenue, Grayling - (989) 348-6811

**2 BEDROOM APARTMENT** down town Grayling. No pets, \$450 per month, security and first month required. One year lease, reference check. Please call 989-348-2833. (4/7/05)(f/2)

### 1. Real Estate

**RIVERVIEW SENIOR APARTMENTS** 306 Knight Street in Grayling, one bedroom units available. Persons must be 62 years or older and/or handicapped or disabled of any age. Rent is based on income. No minimum rent. Send this ad and receive your first month rent free. Applications at office on site or call Linda at 1-800-225-7982. Managed by Stratford Group Ltd., 442 W. Baldwin Street, Alpena, MI 49707. Equal housing opportunity. Hearing TDD # 1-800-855-1155. (-7-14-21-28/2)

**ROOM TO RENT** in Bear Lake, \$250/month. 989-390-0778 (-31-7/2)

### 3. Employment

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**SUMMER HELP** cashiers, stock, and Dairy Queen. Evergreen Party Store, Roscommon 821-5425. (-31-7/3)

**HELP WANTED**, kitchen positions needed, must have transportation. Please apply in person at Gates AuSable Lodge, Stephan Bridge Rd. (-31-7/3)

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**DUBOIS LUMBER** is seeking a motivated person to work in yard area. Duties would include loading and unloading trucks, customer service & deliveries. Part time or possible full time position available. Must have valid drivers license, be able to pass a DOT physical exam & obtain a chauffeur's license for deliveries. Apply in person at 609 Norway Street. (-31-7/3)

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### 3. Employment

The Crawford County Library Board of Trustees is taking applications for an experienced recording secretary to take minutes at all Library Board Meetings. Job description and applications are available at the Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library and must be received no later than April 23, 2005.

Applications are being accepted in the Sales Department for conference set-up. The successful candidate needs to be responsible, dependable, be able to work a varied schedule, neat in appearance and great customer relation skills are a must. This job requires the ability to work independently, duties will include, but not limited to set-up for all meetings, conference and weddings as well as maintenance of related equipment. Please apply at the front desk. No phone calls please. Holiday Inn is an equal opportunity employer.

**Holiday Inn**

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Grayling, MI 49738

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The sale will be held at the Crawford County Court House in Grayling, Michigan which is the location of the Crawford County Circuit Court.  
Minimum Bid: \$50,961.00  
Property sells "As Is"  
The house is a 3 bedroom, 1 bath home  
Lot Size: 21,600 sq. ft.  
The foreclosure sale is subject to a six (6) month redemption period unless the property is deemed abandoned pursuant to MCL§600.3241a in which case the redemption period will expire thirty (30) days from the date of the sale.  
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**Three bedroom, two bath ranch** with 6+ acres. Remodeling includes roof, siding, plumbing and electrical, floor covering, kitchen cabinets and more. Only a mile from the AuSable River and also includes a 1 year Home Warranty. \$109,900 #5463



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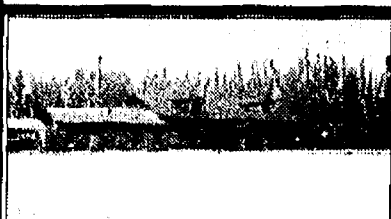
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### 5. For Sale

**QUEEN SIZE MATTRESS** set with Amish made pine log headboard and free frame still in plastic, never used. Cost \$800, will sacrifice for \$235. Call (989) 429-0062. (7/3/03tf/5)

**QUEEN SIZE PILLOW TOP** mattress and box springs new in plastic with Amish made pine log headboard. Cost \$995 will sacrifice for \$285. Call (989) 429-0062. (7/3/03tf/5)

**AMISH BUILT** pine log bed. Queen size, beautiful must see. Will sell for \$265. Queen size mattress set, new in plastic with free frame will sacrifice \$150. Call (989) 429-0062. (7/3/03tf/5)

**FOR SALE** 89 Ford Ranger, \$475. Snowblower elec. start, \$525. Gas stove, \$75. Wall furnace, \$200. Space heater oil, \$200. 989-344-2270. (-10/21/04tf/5)

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**POSITION:** Substitute School Bus Driver-an entry level driving position-training will be provided.

**DESCRIPTION:** This route involves the transport of students to and from school using an "on call basis".

**QUALIFICATIONS:** High school diploma; school bus driver certification; and air brake endorsement preferred. Additional information available at 403 East Michigan Avenue.

**APPLY TO:** Michael S. Dunckel, Business Manager  
Crawford AuSable School  
403 East Michigan Avenue  
Grayling, MI 49738

**DEADLINE:** 4:00 p.m., April 12, 2005

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**2H STIDHAM BUMPER** pull horse trailer. Great shape, tack storage, spare tire, \$1200. 989-826-2209 (-31-7/5)

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**FOR SALE** 15 1/2 foot polyethylene canoe, \$250. Call 231-342-7380. (-7-14/5)

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**2002 TRAILLITE TRAVEL TRAILER**, weighs less than 2,000 pounds, 26 foot with slide, sleeps 6. Air conditioning, stove, microwave, full bath, includes shower. Used by non smokers, \$12,000. 989-786-1046 (-7-14/5)

**HONDA 4 TRAX** 4-wheeler, excellent condition, \$1,400. 989-348-7954 (-7/5)

**1996 ARCTIC CAT ZRT** 600, clutch kit, stinger tips, studs, \$1,500 OBO. 989-344-8058 (-7/5)

### 6. Wanted

**LOOKING FOR A HOME** on land contract in Grayling or Gaylord area. \$1000 down, \$1000 per month. Please no realtors apply. 989-551-0248 (-24-31-7-14/6)

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### 7. Miscellaneous

**4 X 8 LIGHTED SIGNS** for sale or lease, tables and chairs for lease, trash barrels for sale. Fick & Sons, Grayling. (989) 348-7647 or 1-800-292-9295 (4/24/03tf/7)

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### 8. Announcements

**CAR DETAILING:** Let JJ's Motor Mall make your vehicle sparkle, inside & out! 348-7710 (1/6/05tf/8)

**I REMEMBER** Papa Bear, new book by Dick Lattimer. For your personally autographed copy please call and get on the list. Dick will be signing them and shipping them back to me. Call Pete Kocefas 989-344-7669. (3/10/05tf/8)

**SKYLINE** will be closed for spring maintenance from March 20th thru April 14th. Weather permitting the restaurant and golf course will re-open on Friday the 15th of April. Sign up now for leagues and pre-season discounted memberships. Please leave message at 989-275-5445. (-10-17-24-31-7/8)

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**Hospice RN Openings: Casual**  
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**KIM'S MAGIC NAILS** new management. Open 10-8, Monday to Saturday. 15% off during April. Phone 344-2321, walk in's welcome. 10% off for seniors. (-31-7-14-21/8)

**FURNACE RECALLS** on Coleman Modular and mobile homes. Call Sensible Services 231-258-5205 for more information. (-31-7-14/8)

**GRAYLING COUNTRY CLUB**-2005 seasonal membership now available, discounts for spouses & children. A great place to call your home course. 2212 S. I-75 Business Loop, Grayling. (989)348-5618 (-7-14-21/8)

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### 9. Personals

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### 11. Automotive

**FOR SALE: 2001 PONTIAC** Aztec GT. Leather, power heated seats, CD & cassette, power roof, wheels, air, cruise, tilt, heads up display, still in warranty. \$12,200 reduced to \$11,800 989-348-8659, leave message. (-1/27/05tf/5)

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**1987 JAYCO** motor home, 27 foot, 63,000 miles, sleeps 6, great condition, best offer. 989-348-7355 (3/10/05tf/11)

**FOR SALE**-1992 Buick Skylark Grand Sport. 150,000 miles, new muffler and alternator. \$1,200 OBO. 989-344-4150 (-31-7/11)

**1992 DODGE CARAVAN.** 175,000 miles, CD player, built-in baby seat, new battery, \$850. 989-826-2209 (-31-7/11)

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### 9. Personals

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**1991 FORD ESCORT** Engine in good condition, needs some work, \$900. 348-7797, leave message. (-7-14/11)

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**7. Miscellaneous**

## Crossword Answers

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| IRE   | NAE   | EAST    |
| BEAT  | GRIN  | TACO    |
| IGB   | GIGUE | TOG     |
| WERE  | SHSM  | IDEA    |
| ARIA  | SET   | EMF     |
| TRIP  |       | EMMEN   |
| GAP   | NAP   | MIG AMU |
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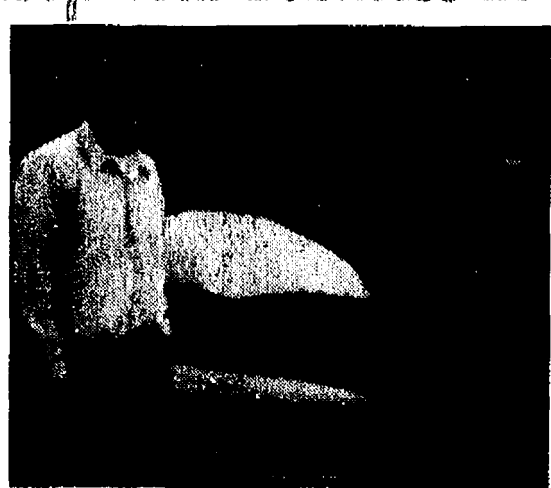
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